

Liberal and SDP grassroots merger under way

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A merger between the Liberal and Social Democratic parties is under way in many parliamentary constituencies...

parliamentary about the campaigns fought by their colleagues...



Stepping out: The Prince and Princess of Wales arrive with Prince William at Aberdeen airport on their way to Balmoral. More royal photographs, back page.

Reagan rejects Mexican appeal

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan directly rebuffed President de la Madrid of Mexico yesterday and made it clear that the United States has no intention of scaling down its huge show of military might in Central America.

THE TIMES Tomorrow

Spending spree Ireland has spent millions of its oil revenues (in the mind) before it has seen a drop of the stuff



Alan Franks is deep in pocket money negotiations with his children

£2.5bn bid by a Court for group

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, has launched an extraordinary £2.44-bn takeover bid for the Broken Hill Proprietary Company.

Police plea

The police have made an urgent appeal for information about three men after a boy aged six, one of identical twins, was kidnapped and sexually assaulted.

Boy to leave

The Soviet Embassy in Washington said that Andrei Berezhkov, the diplomat's son who may want to defect, is to return to the Soviet Union.

Flush with cash

Figures released today will show that the flow of cash into the building societies by far exceeds estimates and is more than enough to meet the demand for mortgages.

Lourdes fervour

The second and last day of the Pope's visit to Lourdes was marked by ceremony, religious fervour and security measures against the threat of trouble from extreme left-wing groups.

Refusing to go

Mr Jim Nwobodo, Governor of Anambra state in southern Nigeria, is refusing to relinquish office after being defeated in the polls. He said the result had been rigged.

Gelli exit

Signor Licio Gelli, head of the outlawed Italian P2 Masonic lodge, is believed to have flown from a French airport after disappearing from a Swiss prison.

England win

England won the third Test match by 127 runs when they bowled New Zealand out for 219 at Lord's.

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Letters: On alternative medicine from Dr R. Hoffenberg, and others; dumping at sea, from Mr D. McTaggart and Mr W. P. Shovelton.

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Kinnock challenged by Hattersley

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley last night issued a direct challenge to Mr Neil Kinnock, his main rival in the Labour Party leadership contest...

One of 'Cowley 13' admits lying to join BL

By Paul Routledge and Clifford Webb

Eleven of the thirteen alleged left-wing extremists who infiltrated BL's Cowley plant had their appeal against dismissal rejected by the company yesterday.

Shares rise as loan rate fears recede

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Stocks and shares surged yesterday as investors saw the threat of higher interest rates recede and figures showing the consumer spending boom continuing.

French confirm troop build-up

By Our Foreign Staff

French television reports that more troops were leaving for Chad from Paris and Nantes were confirmed last night by a French military spokesman in Ndjamena, capital of Chad.

Early August car sales set 225,000 record

By Our Motoring Correspondent

A record number of at least 225,000 new cars were sold in the first 10 days of August as motorists rushed to be the first in their street with the 'A' prefix registration plate.

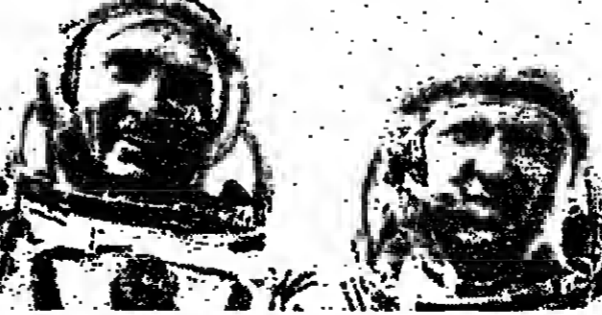
Genuine Bargains in ORIENTAL CARPETS at Duval's Great Summer SALE

Advertisement for Duval's Oriental Carpets featuring a list of various carpet types and prices, including Persian, Chinese, and Turkish styles.

Image of Soviet super-hero takes a knock

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The conventional image of the Soviet spaceman as a super-hero took a knock yesterday when a cosmonaut revealed in Pravda that space flight made him irritable and depressed.



Soviet heroes: Colonel Berezovoy (left) and Mr Lebedev on the eve of their space flight.

April in which a Soyuz crew under his command failed to dock with the space station and oaroly collided with it. The articles appear to be part of a Kremlin attempt to give an increasingly sophisticated readership more convincing and realistic accounts of space and military exploits.

French police question 15 in search for IRA arms shipment route

From Richard Ford, Belfast

French police were understood to be questioning up to 15 people yesterday in an attempt to uncover the extent of an alleged Provisional IRA arms trail across Europe.

French authorities are convinced the cargo of 25 United States, Belgian and West German hand guns, 12,000 cartridges, 100 magazines for Russian-made assault rifles, two hand grenades, 22lb of explosives, 200 detonators, and 500 yards of detonator wire were destined for the Provisional IRA in Northern Ireland.

It is thought that the cache had been bought elsewhere, perhaps in Belgium, and had been transported to France and hidden in the Paris area before embarking on the next stage of its journey.

Mr McDonald has run a one-vehicle haulage business for the past four years and works for a firm in north Dublin which contracts to transport goods to Europe.

In Northern Ireland yesterday Brendan Covery, aged 25, who was shot dead in Dungannon, co Tyrone, when an Irish National Liberation Army ambush went wrong, was buried with the minimum of paramilitary trappings.

The other man shot in the Dungannon incident, James Malon, aged 27, will be buried in co Armagh today.

Anger at US politicians' visit

From A Staff Reporter, Belfast

A second Irish-American "fact-finding" delegation arrives in Northern Ireland today, to criticism from Unionist politicians already angered by an earlier visit from members of Noraid.

Ulster, on an independent trip to "try to find out what people here think".

He met local councillors from the ruling Social Democrat and Labour Party in Londonderry and toured the strongly republican Creggan and Bogside areas of the city before travelling to Belfast, where he went to Provisional Sinn Fein headquarters in the Falls Road.

One Democrat Congressman, Mr Robert Borski, aged 34, from Philadelphia, is already in

an interview outside Provisional Sinn Fein headquarters and was seen being greeted by representatives of the organization. They fear this will harm the approach of his fellow Congressmen.

Mr Borski has made no contact with the Northern Ireland Office or the Official Unionist Party and Rev Martin Smith, Unionist MP for South Belfast, said that he would be better advised to look into his own backyard before coming to Northern Ireland.

MPs' Sinn Fein talks 'not official'

By Stephen Goodwin

The Labour Party made clear last night that a planned visit to Northern Ireland by a group of MPs for talks with the Provisional Sinn Fein was not official.

arrangements had been made for official talks with Sinn Fein. Labour Party headquarters said that Ms Short was talking about "just a group of backbenchers".

visited Westminster last month. "Everybody is using violence in Northern Ireland. To say we cannot talk to one group because they are using force is to be hypocritical about the use of force", Ms Short said in an interview on Independent Radio News.

Ms Short, remarks in a radio interview caused obvious embarrassment and Mr Martin Flannery, the group chairman, moved quickly to deny that

Another who met Mr Adams was Mr Robert Clay, MP for Sunderland, North. He said yesterday that he hoped to be in the north of Ireland visit.

After the case Mrs Mallinson, aged 46, a local government officer said: "We feel sorry for the Brooks. I don't think they realized the seriousness of the situation."

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Court attack on lack of hospitals

From Our Correspondent Bournemouth

A crown court judge has criticized the lack of secure accommodation for the mentally handicapped. The state should provide such hospitals, Judge Pennant said yesterday in Bournemouth Crown Court.

Dr John Whiteley, senior medical officer, at Winchester prison said he had tried with difficulty to persuade the Department of Health and Social Security that Oxbury should be detained in a secure hospital.

The department had now agreed with him and a place was available for Oxbury at Rampton special hospital.

Mr Ben Browne, for the defence, said Goldharbour did not have sufficient secure accommodation for Oxbury, who had absconded from there 70 times in six years.

Asked by the judge if there was no alternative to Rampton hospital, Dr Whiteley replied that there was none. There was a medium secure unit for the mentally ill, but not for the mentally handicapped.

"That is a distinction apparent to medical men by not to me", the judge said. "If he needs a certain type of hospital I would have thought it was the function of the state to provide such a hospital."



Arrests being made after the chaining protest in London yesterday.

Women held after chaining themselves to railing

By Michael Horswell

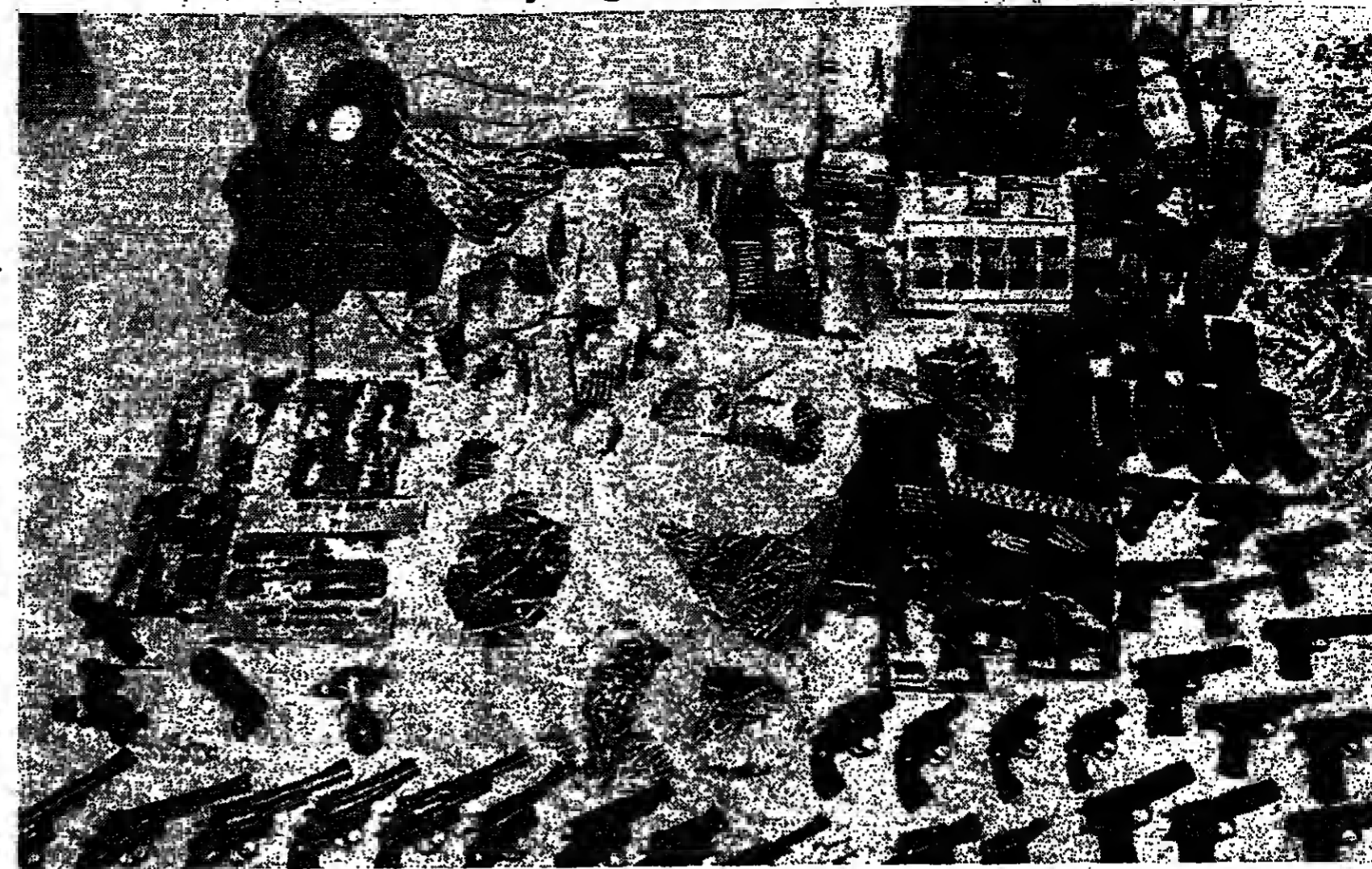
Five Asian women were arrested yesterday after chaining themselves to the railings outside the Home Office attempts to deport Afia Begum, aged 19, and her daughter Azma.

Her husband, Mr Abdul Hamid, aged 24, who had lived in Britain for 12 years, was killed last year in a fire in Brick Lane, east London, shortly before she was due to join him in this country.

She was allowed entry to Britain on a temporary basis in June, 1982, to arrange his affairs but has gone into hiding since the Home Office tried to deport her.

All five women were detained overnight at Rochester Row police station and will appear at Epsom Magistrates' Court to show cause why they should not be bound over to keep the peace.

The deadly cargo hidden in an Irish lorry



Arms haul: The cache of weapons and ammunition found on an Irish lorry at Le Havre docks, put on display by French police.

Neighbour's 'war' lasted four years

From Our Correspondent York

An uneasy peace descended on a city village last night as a farmer and his wife were given suspended prison sentences for their part in a four-year war of hate.

Brian and Jean Brook left York County Court in silence after a judge had branded their behaviour towards their neighbours as "vindictive, insensitive and stupid".

Judge Geoffrey Baker, QC, had heard how Mr Ron Mallinson and his wife's lives had been turned into a nightmare in a deliberate campaign of harassment almost as soon as they set up in the Hamberside village of Melbourn, on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds.

The £50,000 retirement bungalow they built themselves in Kidd Lane became a virtual prison for them as the Brooks whose hundred-acre Grange Farm lay 500 yards away, bombarded them with insults, abuse, and threats.

But in sentencing the Brooks to 14 days in prison suspended for 12 months, for breach of an order forbidding them to molest their neighbours, the judge also said Mr Mallinson, aged 49, was "hypersensitive" and "volatile" and advised him to develop a "thicker skin".

Brook, aged 47, and his wife, aged 45, were each fined £250 for breaking the original injunction and ordered to pay to costs of the two-day hearing - estimated at about £2,000.

After the case Mrs Mallinson, aged 46, a local government officer said: "We feel sorry for the Brooks. I don't think they realized the seriousness of the situation."

New indoor pools 'a health hazard'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Modern indoor swimming pools can be a hazard to people prone to asthma and chest complaints. So although swimming is promoted as an activity in which asthmatics can participate without experiencing exercise-induced wheezing, the reverse is the case, in such pools.

The reasons modern indoor pools are not so good as older ones is explained in the latest issue of the *British Medical Journal* by Dr Philip Penny, an occupational health physician at Musgrave Park Hospital, Tampton, Somerset, and medical adviser to the Amateur Swimming Association. The trouble lies in the greater efficiency with which the modern pools are operated to save energy.

Advanced heat reclamation systems which recirculate pool air, concentrated gaseous substances in the atmosphere, unlike old-fashioned extractor fans. There are about 200 swimming pools in the new system.

Fewer teenagers pregnant

By John Withrow

The number of teenage girls with unwanted pregnancies has fallen during the past decade although abortions have increased slightly, according to figures from the Brook Advisory Centres yesterday.

Working from government statistics, the centres showed that in 1971 64 of every 1,000 girls aged between 15 and 19 became pregnant unintentionally. By 1980 the rate had dropped to 49.

Most of the girls had their babies but over the same period the number of abortions rose from 12 to 16 for every 1,000 girls.

Wildlife Act 'no protection'

By John Young

Instead of affording protection for threatened birds of prey, the Wildlife and Countryside Act has become a rubber stamp for widespread nest robberies, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday.

Writing in the latest issue of the society's magazine, *Birds*, Mr Ian Press, its director, describes the situation as "desperately worrying".

"By early July we knew of over 70 peregrine eyries in England, Wales and Scotland that had been robbed this year", he says. "With an average clutch of four eggs, this could represent as many as 280 peregrines, taken either as eggs to be hatched in incubators or young birds put into aviaries to 'prove' fraudulent claims of captive breeding to the visiting inspector from the Department of the Environment."

A similar story could be told for postharks, buzzards and other native birds of prey, all of which are subject of legislation under the new system.

The society wants a ban on the sale of rare species until it is sure that its registration scheme is working. Given the high level of thefts of wild peregrines and the acknowledged difficulty of breeding these birds in captivity, many sales must be regarded with suspicion, it said.

The society yesterday discounted any connexion between the hot summer and recent sightings of rare non-native species.

Last week a royal tern, which is native to North America and the west coast of Africa, was reported to have been seen in Norfolk. There have also been sightings of Asiatic needle-tailed swift and the white-throated robin.

In an average year about eighty rare species were sighted, and this year was nothing out of the ordinary, an official said.

Rock stars to play for Prince's Trust

By David Newson

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to attend a concert of rock stars led by Eric Clapton to raise money for the Prince's Trust.

The concert at the Royal Albert Hall in September 21 will include musicians from The Who, the Rolling Stones, and the disbanded Led Zeppelin, who have joined to mark Clapton's 20 years as a recording artist.

The Prince's Trust was formed by the Prince of Wales to help young people with self-help schemes and projects which contribute to other people's welfare. It has also helped young musicians to buy instruments.

English grandmaster fails to share second place

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Southampton

Just after the half-way stage in the Grieverson Grant British Chess Championships at the King George V College in Southampton the Indian player Thipsay was in the lead with five points, half a point ahead of Bradbury, Johnson, J. Littlewood, Mestral and Ravikumar.

The English grandmaster Jonathan Speelman looked as if it would also be sharing second place once his journeyed game from round six versus Horner had finished, but he failed to win it and had to be content with a draw leaving him tying with 10 players with four points each.

Moorland fires under control

Two big moorland fires in

Perthshire were being brought under control last night by firemen and forestry workers, helped by light rain. At the larger blaze near Amulree, which has been burning for more than a week, mechanical diggers have cut 20-yard-wide fire breaks along a 13-mile front. About 30 square miles of deep heather have been destroyed.

Further east, at Bridge of Cally, firemen laid carpets of foam, which successfully stopped another fire burning since Thursday, advancing towards large forests at Kindrogan and Blackcraig.

Stowaways hid in wrong ship

Five Algerian stowaways

were waiting to be sent home from a British jail yesterday after hiding on board the wrong ship. The men thought that the *Stargazer*, owned by the Everard Line, was going to Spain but she was bound, nonstop, for Sharpness docks, Gloucestershire, from the Algerian port of Oran.

Customs officials and police were waiting for the 4,000 tonne, British-registered ship when she docked early yesterday.

Ex-BL firm wins Falklands order

A £17m order for stone-

crushing and screening plants for the Falklands has created 30 new jobs at Goodwin Barby, the Leicester construction plant manufacturer. Bringing the workforce to just over 200. The order is one of the highest received by Goodwin Barby, which recently returned to private ownership after the management bought it from BL.

Police move on murder inquiry

Cumbria police said last

night that the murder inquiry launched on Sunday after the body of a man was found near the M6 motorway at the village of Holme, had moved to the Greater Manchester area.

The victim, aged between 30 and 35, had been battered to death and trussed up in a sleeping bag with plastic bags over his head and feet. The man's identity was not yet known.

Grouse season 'will improve'

The grouse shooting season

has started disappointingly in many parts of Britain, but there should be much better shooting in September, Savills, the estate agents, said yesterday, in their early season report.

Most estates in Scotland have cancelled their shoots because there are so few birds about but there are many small birds on the moors which may provide shooting later in the season.

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More home loans may follow increase in building society savings

By Lesa Bourke

The outlook for home-buyers is improving, as money comes flooding back into building society coffers, and the prospect of shorter home loan queues is a real possibility.

Investors took advantage of higher investment rates which came into force in July and the figures for last month, due to be released today, are likely to exceed expectations.

The flow of cash into societies had been estimated at about £600m for July, but the final figure is going to be about £740m, more than sufficient to meet present demand for mortgages.

That is not far off the record of £886m achieved in October last year, and is more than double the June total of £318m.

Gateway Building Society, the fifteenth biggest in the country, wasted no time in responding to the improved situation with the announcement of a 25 per cent increase in lending.

That comes after Leeds Permanent's move last month to raise allocations for home loans by 10 per cent.

"The results from Gateway's superplus account, launched in May, and the high income

account of July have been most encouraging and point to a very successful performance for the rest of the year," Mr Michael Gibbs, managing director of Gateway, said.

The societies need about £700m a month to meet demand for home loans and the first six months of the year were a big disappointment, with money coming in at an average of only £375m a month.

But the July rate increase has changed the societies' fortunes and figures for August, traditionally a poor month for attracting investments, seem likely to total £500m when the normal expectation would be only £300m.

However, it will take some time to reduce mortgage queues and not all societies will be able to follow Gateway's lead.

"I think they are probably a little premature," a spokesman for the Halifax said. "We certainly are not in a position to increase our lending allocations to branches yet."

Most of the big societies set targets for the year and try not to vary them up or down. Abbey National, which is approaching the end of its

lending year, will be reviewing the situation next month and expects to increase home loan allocations by at least 10 per cent.

Nationwide confirms that it has seen a big improvement since the increase in investment rates which came into force at the beginning of July.

"We try to maintain an even pattern of lending throughout the year, but we have done quite well out of the rate rises", Mr Malcolm Hughes of Nationwide said.

Demand for home loans shows little sign of waning and fears are being expressed that there could be a sharp rise in house prices.

Houses in the West Midlands, East Anglia and Wales have gone up by about 12 per cent over the past three months and only property in central London and Northern Ireland has failed to put on 5 per cent or more over the same period.

Average house prices rose by 1.7 per cent during July, according to latest figures from The Times/Halifax House Price Index, pushing house prices to nearly double their 1977 level.



Bird dog: Floyd, a border collie, yesterday rehearsing his herding of Indian runner ducks for the 'Superdogs '83' presentation at Wembley Conference Centre, London, on Sunday (Photograph: John Voos).

'Spanking' case to be retried

A headmaster at the centre of allegations over the spanking of girl pupils is to face a retrial, the Director of Public Prosecutions said yesterday.

Mr Colin West, aged 44, the head of lower school at St Aidan's Comprehensive, in Carlisle, is alleged to have spanked girl pupils.

Two weeks ago a jury at Carlisle crown court failed to reach verdicts on six out of a total of 10 charges of indecent assault and assault causing actual bodily harm.

It is thought that the retrial will be held at another Crown Court because of the publicity over the case in Carlisle.

Mr West, of Millgarth, West Woodside, Wigton, near Carlisle, denied all the charges and said that he had the permission of parents to administer corporal punishment to the girls.

Two brothers drown in river

Two brothers who were married to sisters were drowned yesterday in an 18ft-deep trench in the River Derwent at Church Wiltie, near Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

Mr Kevin Atkin, aged 31, of Sycamore Close, Sandycroft, near Nottingham, and Mr Ronald Atkin, aged 30, of Chestnut Grove, Sandycroft, were wading in the river when they were swept away.

Appeal to help cancer mother

A national appeal was launched yesterday for nurse Sheryl Skirton who refused cancer treatment to save her unborn baby child.

Mrs Skirton, aged 35, of Bristol, who has been given six months to live, gave premature birth to a 2lb 10oz boy as she landed in Australia last week on a visit to her parents.

Pit sleepwalker wants job back

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Dry spell puts potato prices up

By our Agriculture Correspondent

The prolonged dry weather has made it virtually certain that supplies of potatoes and other home-grown vegetables will be later and less plentiful than usual in the coming months.

Prices are likely to be correspondingly higher, but at present there are no indications of a repetition of the acute shortages after the 1976 drought.

The Potato Marketing Board said yesterday that there were fairly decent crops in some areas, particularly where they had been irrigated. But the planting season had been beset by heavy rain and waterlogging and the subsequent long dry spell had added fuel to the flames.

"If we get some rain now, we may be able to make up some leeway," an official said.

Whereas at this time last year potatoes were being sold from the farm at only about £50 to £54 a tonne, prices for the futures market for delivery this November were already up to £185 a tonne.

At one period in the winter of 1976-77 prices exceeded £300 a tonne. Allowing for inflation, a corresponding price this winter would be about £500 a tonne, but he thought it was unlikely that the market would stand that sort of level.

Retail prices would probably be at least 18p to 20p a pound during the winter months, compared to the average of 8p to 12p. But above that there was likely to be consumer resistance and a tendency to switch to alternatives like rice and pasta.

The National Farmers' Union said yesterday that vegetable yields would be well down on last year and prices would be higher. But most crops were now irrigated, and there would be no disaster for consumers.

Sugar beet crop 'standing up well'

The British Sugar Corporation said that all reports indicate that the beet crop was standing up to the drought very well. Roots were mostly deep enough to reach water, but the entire area could certainly benefit from a good soaking.

Last year's crop of 1,400,000 tonnes produced a surplus of 250,000 tonnes, of which two thirds was exported. A poor harvest this year would make life difficult for farmers and for the corporation, which is the sole buyer of all home-produced beet, because of the overall world sugar surplus, prices would not be greatly affected.

Marital advice may have to be paid for

By Richard Evans

Acute financial difficulties may force the London Marriage Guidance Council to charge clients for advice, even on a means-test basis.

Despite a record 15,000 interviews last year, local authority grants to the council fell for the first time in its history. It ended nearly £1,000 in the red.

"If this pattern is repeated over the coming years, then the future for London Marriage Guidance in its present form looks bleak", the council's annual report says.

"Our grants do not hold up, then the alternatives are depressing. We could investigate a minimum charge or we could go in for some kind of means-testing to determine each client's fee."

Such distasteful measures would discourage poorer people from using a service they trust.

"But if we cannot generate better grants from local authorities and the Greater London Council, we shall have no alternatives", the report adds.

The Greater London Council, having halted an £8,000 grant, the council received £41,346 from local authorities and £71,487 from clients' contributions. A decade ago grants were more than double the level of contributions.

Mrs Kenzie Ollins, the council's director, said yesterday:

Cases of rare illness rise to 18

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

The number of cases of a rare kidney illness that has affected mainly young children in the Black Country rose to 18 yesterday when a youth aged 17 was said to have contracted it.

The regional health authority for the area said John Maile, of Stourport-on-Severn, Hereford and Worcester, had been admitted to hospital on July 29 and had been confirmed as suffering from haemolytic uraemic syndrome. His condition was satisfactory, although he was on a kidney dialysis machine.

Eight small children were still in hospital in the region and one, a boy aged eight, was still in a coma in the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Local and government agencies have combined to try to trace the source of infection. They are the Centre for Applied Microbiological Science at Porton Down, Wiltshire; the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre, Colindale, north London, and the public health laboratories in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Samples of blood, food and drink have been taken from affected children. Some doctors think the problem may be an allergic reaction to a common disease. One doctor said that a common factor was being sought but there was no guarantee of a result.

Man lost job over Russian fiancée

An electrician who fell in love with a Russian woman while working for his company in the Soviet Union and who was dismissed after disobeying an order not to return there had his appeal against unfair dismissal rejected at an industrial tribunal in London yesterday.

Captain Roger Fisher, the tribunal chairman, told Mr Ray Ninnis, aged 35, from Platts Lane, West Hampstead: "This case borders on the line of being frivolous, vexatious and unreasonable."

When Captain Fisher was told there was no application for costs, he added: "Consider yourself very lucky. None of us who sit here have heard such a stupid and unreasonable application. You have cost the company a lot of time and expense."

Mr Richard Seymour, counsel for C.A. Controls, of Hammersmith, west London, told the tribunal that Mr Ninnis had been refused permission to fly to a contract in Nigeria via Moscow so he could visit his fiancée to make marriage arrangements.

He said: "The firm was worried that Mr Ninnis would get into trouble with the authorities because he was hoping to get the girl out of the country. They were in the process of negotiating a contract worth £6m with the Russians and it was thought his proposed project would jeopardize it."

Lymeswold back in the shops

By John Young

Agriculture Correspondent Lymeswold cheese, which was launched last year on a flood of publicity and promptly became hard to find is back in business.

Ten and a half months after the embarrassment of finding itself overwhelmed by the unexpected demand, Dairy Crest, the manufacturing and marketing subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board, said yesterday that it was finally in a position to supply all orders from shops and supermarkets.

A television advertising campaign which had to be cancelled last autumn has been reinstated, and the company is confident that its creamery at Cannington, Somerset, is now capable of meeting demand.

At one time orders were running at four times the creamery's maximum production, even though it was operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A company official said that the balance had been restored by a combination of increased production capacity and a fall in demand, although sales were still well above the originally predicted level.

Gregory says he was surprised at outcry over Ripper memoirs

From Our Correspondent Bradford

Mr Ronald Gregory, the former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said last night that he would not have published his memoirs about the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper had he known that they would attract so much criticism.

Speaking on the Yorkshire Television programme *Standard Bearers*, Mr Gregory said: "If I had thought there was going to be that hoo-ha and so many people said to be upset - and I do not believe that so many people were upset - I really wouldn't have done it."

"I really could not believe it. I really could not see why there was such a big hoo-ha about it." His intention was to set the record straight and put the police side of the story, not to resurrect the story or upset relatives of Peter Sutcliffe's victims, he said. "All that was new in there was the police explanation and background to



Mr Gregory: "Wanted to set record straight".

Gregory had retired three weeks earlier.

"It was two and a half years since Peter Sutcliffe's arrest and even longer since the murder hunt began. If I had not been paid for the story, but given it out free, only his would have appeared in each newspaper. The whole story would not have been told", Mr Gregory added.

Earlier, he had said: "I know that I got paid for it. This is the way things go in the publishing business, but I had no idea it was going to cause such a furor."

Asked if he would publish further memoirs, Mr Gregory said: "I have got to consider whether there is going to be another furor if I write more."

Mr Gregory, who is reported to have been paid £40,000 for his story, was criticized by families of the Ripper victims, police officers, and members of the Government after it was published.

Briton in Saudi jail says he was tortured

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Keith Carmichael, a British businessman, has been held without trial in Saudi Arabia since 1981 despite the personal intervention of the Foreign Secretary, allegations of torture, and now a hunger strike.

His contracting company, Saccas International, collapsed with debts alleged by the Saudi authorities to total almost £1m. Saudi companies are among those said to be owed money, which is sufficient reason under Saudi law for his detention unless creditors waive their claims.

Mr Carmichael, aged 49, wrote to me on August 5, saying he was on his twenty seventh day of a hunger strike to obtain some relief. Amnesty International, which has taken up his case, said: "All along he has been trying to achieve release or medical treatment in a hospital outside Saudi Arabia."

Amnesty said it wrote to the

Saudi authorities after his allegations of ill treatment during the first 90 days of his detention when he was being held incommunicado. He was alleged to have been beaten on the soles of his feet and mistreated by prison guards.

Amnesty said: "We have had no response from the Saudi authorities but we understand that they carried out an investigation into his treatment in that early period and that some prison guards have been punished."

In a letter dated May 31, Mr Carmichael wrote that his case was under review again after Mr Francis Pym, then Foreign Secretary, spoke to Saudi ministers. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has confirmed that Mr Pym had asked Saudi ministers to look at Mr Carmichael's case and the embassy had followed up the initiative.

An added misfortune is an injury to Mr Carmichael's

back. He said his spine was fractured; the Foreign and Commonwealth Office says his back was damaged by a rough road over which he was being driven for a medical check-up.

In a letter written in March he wrote that only in the past four weeks had he been seen by two Western medical specialists. They started treatment for malnutrition.

"In their detailed reports of March 1, 6 and 20 they refer to the brutal beatings, my seriously fractured spine and its permanent damage, and state my health is deteriorating to the level of acute neuromuscular problems - in other words, incipient paralysis."

"They have prescribed treatment, diet, exercise, sun and fresh air, a little of which I have received."

Mr Carmichael wrote to me that the Foreign Office did little to safeguard the health and interests of Britons. But

the office says that Mr Carmichael was last visited on August 9 by Mr J. S. Gibson, Third Secretary and Vice-Consul at the British Embassy in Riyadh, when he learnt that Mr Carmichael had suspended his hunger strike.

The Foreign Office said the embassy had been given access to him in January, 1982, and he had been visited by consular officers on average once a month. British officials had asked the Saudi authorities for a medical examination for him and he was to go to hospital in the near future.

An official of the Saudi Arabian Embassy in London said Mr Carmichael was responsible for "huge debts".

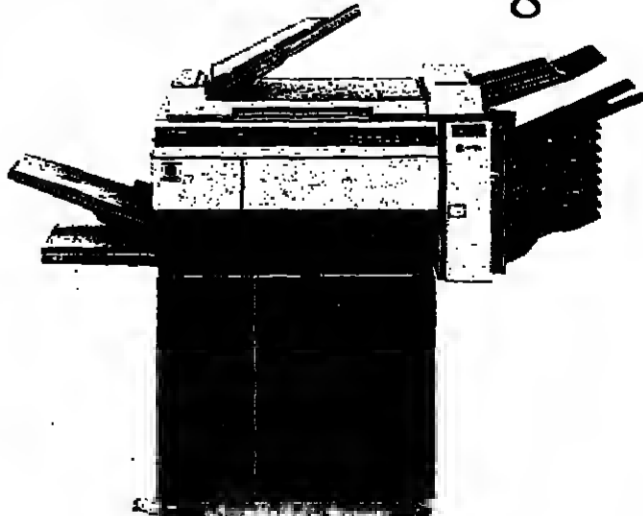
"He tried to escape from the country. He was personally responsible for the debts and not the company. He will be allowed out as soon as he pays the money. Someone will have to pay the money."

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Nigerian refuses to relinquish governorship after poll defeat

Lagos (Reuters) - The incumbent governor of Anambra state in southern Nigeria yesterday rejected his defeat in Saturday's state governorship elections, claiming that the voting had been rigged.

Mr Jim Nwobodo of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP) told supporters in a radio and television broadcast after his narrow defeat was announced early yesterday that they should remain calm while he considered his next move.

The Anambra result increased fears of further violence stemming from the elections to choose governors for Nigeria's 19 states. At least seven people died in Oyo state at the weekend and the governor there gave a warning of more trouble if "false results" were announced.

In Anambra, Mr Christian Onoh of President Shagari's National Party of Nigeria (NPN) won a surprise victory, with 48.22 per cent of the vote compared to Mr Nwobodo's 47.46 per cent.

The defeated Anambra governor said in his broadcast that election officials had inflated voting figures in some areas to ensure an NPN victory.

Mr Bola Ige, Governor of Oyo state said in a special state television broadcast on Sunday night that "some elements" within the Federal Electoral Commission (Fecode) planned to award the election in Oyo to the NPN.

Mr Ige, a member of the Opposition Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN), said: "I owe it

Commanders clamour for attention Geography and politics prevent coherent strategy

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

In the second and final of two articles on Nato's responsibilities in the Mediterranean, RODNEY COWTON, Defence Correspondent, examines the alliance's land capabilities.

In terms of potential land warfare, Nato's southern flank stands in marked contrast to the central front around Germany which is, and will remain, Nato's main preoccupation.

The central front is geographically accommodated in the central Mediterranean. The southern flank, in contrast, spans a huge distance on its east-west axis, running from west of Britain to nearly 400 miles east of Moscow.

The defensive plans for the central front have been carefully coordinated and are regularly tested in multinational exercises. Because of not only geo-

NATO's SOUTHERN FLANK Part 2

graphical, but also political difficulties, the southern flank is a much less coherent whole: if the American Sixth Fleet were removed, Nato's presence in the Mediterranean would become a stance.

Spain is only hesitantly a part of Nato, and not part of the integrated command structure. France, though militarily powerful, also remains outside the integrated command and Greece has insisted that America shall begin to close its Greek bases by 1989.

Although in recent years Italy has increased its defence spend-

ing in line with Nato targets, it is possible that this phase has now ended, and one source recently described Italy's defence establishment as "woefully under-funded". Its military posture in time of serious crisis is based on mobilization of reserves "for which they do not have equipment or infrastructure".

In Greece and Turkey there are armies which are renowned for their fighting qualities, and which are large in relation to size of population. But in both there are great problems in terms of obsolete equipment and inadequate stocks.

Substantial efforts are now being made to improve the position. U.S. military and economic aid to Turkey in 1982-1983 totals \$650m (£433m) and the Administration is seeking congressional approval for over \$900m for 1983-1984.

The United States maintains only very small ground forces in the southern flank: about 6,000 soldiers as against 240,000 on the central front.

Among the many problems are the extremely difficult relations between Greece and Turkey which make it almost impossible to plan coordinated land defensive operations.

This could be critical in the event of a serious East-West confrontation in the Mediterranean. One of the obvious key objectives of the Warsaw Pact would be to try to seize the Dardanelles by means of an attack through north-east Greece and Turkish Thrace, and thus open the Mediterranean to the Soviet Black Sea fleet. In present circumstances it is doubtful if such an attack could be resisted for long.

The southern flank is now beginning to get some of the attention for which its com-



Zimbabwe helps its stricken farmers

From Stephen Taylor Harare

Faced with depleted food stocks in the wake of severe regional drought, the Zimbabwe Government has responded to calls by the farming community for reassurance and incentives with a range of price increases.

The advance minimums, which will apply to maize and other crops harvested next year, were described by Senator Denis Norman, the Minister of Agriculture, as "a clear indication of support for the agricultural industry," and were welcomed as such by the Commercial Farmers' Union (CFU).

Most important was the 16.6 per cent price increase, to \$21m140 (£91) per tonne, for maize. After two drought years the country's staple diet has become a high-risk crop for farmers, more vulnerable than such alternatives as tobacco or cotton which have made satisfactory returns.

The record harvest of 1981 has been sold or consumed and by next April maize stocks will have run out. That, as was pointed out by the CFU in making its point, left precious little time in getting the new crop in and required an incentive to farmers to plant early.

Although falling short of the \$21m150 per tonne hoped for by the farmers, the new advance minimum should go some way to providing that encouragement. Mr John Laurie, the new president of the CFU, said the concept of advance prices was appreciated as it was in addition to the normal annual review scheduled early next year.

In an interview earlier this week Mr Laurie said "Farmers' morale has been badly undermined by the drought but given a fair price and fair weather I have no doubt that commercial agriculture will be able to meet the nation's expectations".

The weather factor remains critical. The next rains are due to start after the middle of October. A good growing season would have enormous economic and national benefits but a third drought year would be disastrous.

While the past season has shown that tobacco and cotton, both of which are important foreign currency earners, can prosper during a drought, the prime objective of agriculture here is to keep Zimbabwe self-reliant insofar as food is concerned.

Gelli said to have flown from France

From Roger Beardwood Paris

Signor Lucio Gelli, the central figure in Italy's biggest postwar political scandal, was reported yesterday to have flown from Anancy Airport, in France, after disappearing from a Swiss prison last week. Anancy is less than one hour's drive from Geneva.

Signor Gelli, grandmaster of the outlawed P2 masonic lodge, was said to have left the airport in a private jet. The French immigration service refused to comment last night. Another report said Signor Gelli had flown to Monaco in a helicopter.

Signor Gelli was arrested in Switzerland a year ago. The Italians has requested his extradition.

The border between Switzerland and France is lightly guarded and immigration officials do not always ask for passports. It is even easier to cross undetected from one country to the other on Lake Geneva.

There is still debate over whether Signor Gelli escaped from Champ Dollon prison or was abducted by enemies. His Swiss lawyer said there was evidence of a violent struggle in his cell.

Walesa sets deadline for dialogue with Warsaw



Solidarity remembered: Mr Lech Walesa attending Mass in Gdansk to mark the third anniversary of the strike that led to the formation of Solidarity, the banned Polish free trade union, which he once led.

He used the anniversary to urge the Government to open a dialogue with Solidarity representatives within 10 days (Our Warsaw Correspondent writes).

After the morning shift left the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk some 2,000 workers laid wreaths at the crosses which commemorate the deaths of Poles in the 1970 protests. Some chanted: "Solidarity, Solidarity".

The police ordered the crowd to disperse. Mr Walesa urged them to comply, saying: "See you here again on the twenty-second."

He is evidently backing the appeal circulated by a clandestine group calling for a dialogue between the Government and Mr Walesa by August 22.

Honecker visit lifts political quarantine

From Our Own Correspondent, Warsaw

Accompanied by the usual spectacle of organized public warmth, neighbourly hugs and loud declarations of allied solidarity, Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, arrives in Warsaw this week, in the latest stage in the lifting of Poland's lengthy political quarantine.

He comes to Poland only weeks after General Jaruzelski abandoned martial law. During the 19 months of military rule no Warsaw Pact leader visited Warsaw although General Jaruzelski and other Polish Politburo members travelled throughout the Communist alliance, making reassuring noises and explaining the reasons for declaring martial law.

The Polish Government was convinced that the papal visit had stamped Poland with the seal of "normality". The country had returned to the international fold and could be treated by the West as an equal partner. But the key to mending fences with the West is to consolidate Poland's position in the Warsaw Pact. Herr Honecker's visit, which will undoubtedly be followed by a string of other meetings with Eastern block leaders, is the first big step towards this aim.

Poland's neighbours disliked Solidarity. They feared that the

Pretoria denies napalm raid on Angola town

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

President Eduardo dos Santos as saying that the town was destroyed in a weekend raid by eight South African jets, which dropped napalm.

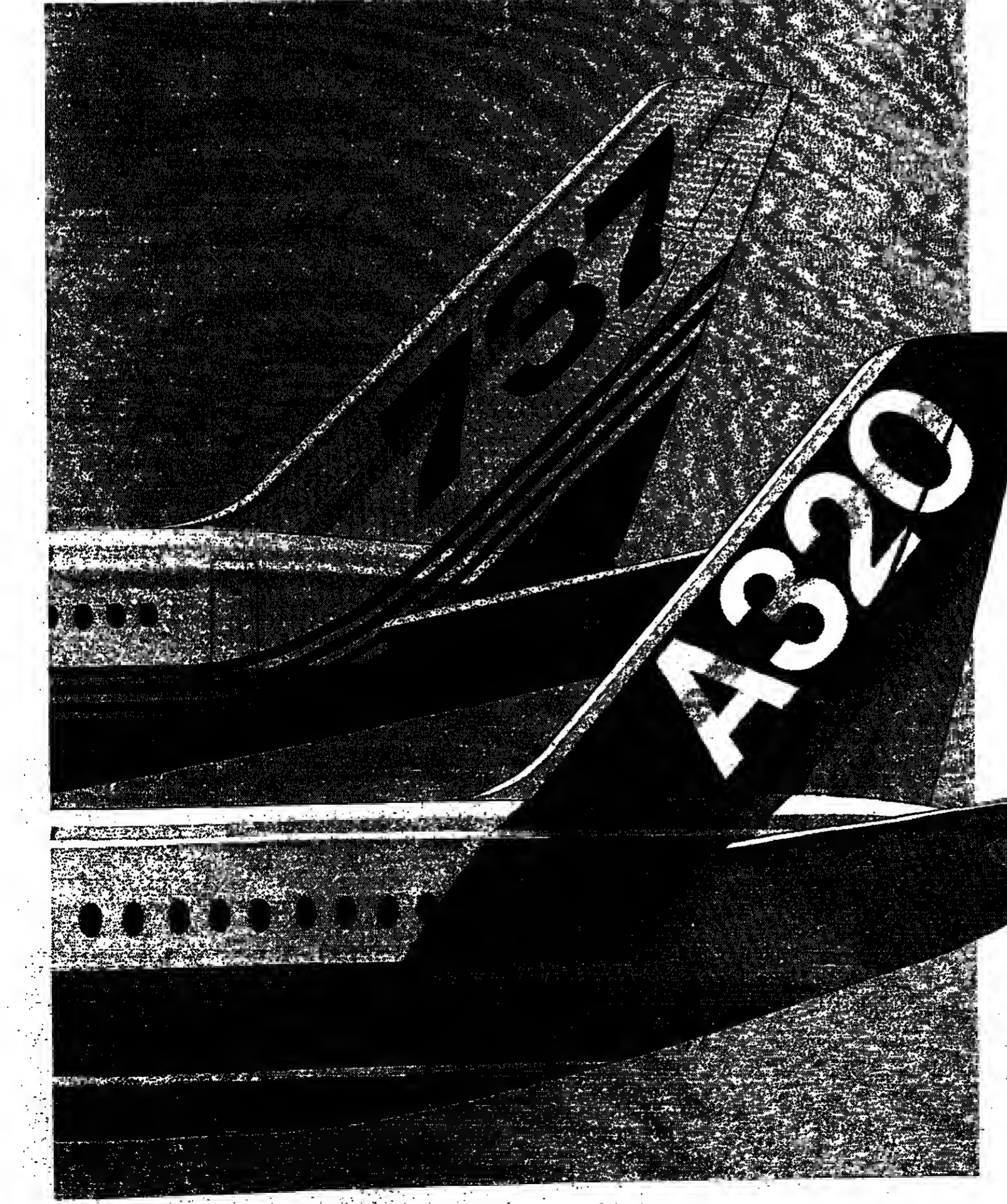
General Viljoen said the accusations were "obviously false" and "designed to make South Africa reveal details of its operations in Angola."

The South African air force would never attack civilian targets with napalm, General Viljoen added.

Angolan claims that South African jets have bombed a town with napalm were designed to disguise the latest successes of Unita rebels, it was claimed yesterday.

General Constand Viljoen, chief of the South African Defence Force, said in Pretoria the South African Impata jets carrying a bomb load did not have the range to reach the eastern Angolan town of Camamba in Mexico province.

The official Angolan news agency, Angop, has quoted



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Central America policy differences remain wide after La Paz talks

From John Carlin, La Paz, Mexico

President Reagan and President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico ended a meeting in La Paz, northern Mexico, on Sunday evening with the disagreements remaining as marked as ever between their two countries on the question of Central America.

President Reagan said he was not missed by Central American observers in La Paz. The CIA, it is widely known, provides military support worth millions of dollars to Sandinista right-wing rebels publicly committed to the overthrow of Nicaragua's Government.

The results of Sunday's presidential meeting as disappointing. The tone of the two presidential addresses, as that of several other public utterances they made, suggested harmony and understanding at the La Paz summit. However, it was clear at the end that the United States and Mexico would have to persist with their traditional "We'll agree to disagree" policy, given that their differences on how to approach the Central American problem remain as wide as ever.

Shultz says he will not resign

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, whose authority over the conduct of foreign policy has been increasingly overshadowed by that of Mr William Clark, President Reagan's national security advisor, denied yesterday that he intends to resign and return to his home in California.

Mr Shultz, who accompanied the President to La Paz, Mexico, for talks with President Miguel de la Madrid, told reporters: "I fully intend to stay on the job in Washington, attractive though California always is for anybody who has the experience of living there. I support the President's policies in Central America and have done so publicly as well as privately in our own discussions."

Peru arrests hailed as breakthrough

The Peruvian police have claimed their first big intelligence breakthrough in their three-year war against the Maoist guerrilla organization, Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path).

Twenty-seven people were arrested after Civil Guard agents were reported to have infiltrated Sendero's command structure in the central Andean departments of Pasco, Junin and Huancayo. They were shown to the press last week, but no questions were allowed.

69 hurt in 'flag war'

The Spanish flag was hoisted without incident at the beginning of San Sebastian's annual fiesta yesterday, only hours after Basque separatists had provoked ugly disturbances in which 69 people were injured.

The disturbances, on Sunday night, came when police intervened after two young Basques wearing masks had publicly burnt the red and gold flag, symbol of Spanish unity, in the capital of Guipuzcoa province, a stronghold of Basque radicalism.



Coastal conference: President Reagan and President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico during the American leader's seven-hour visit to La Paz in Mexico.

Chad rebels push south

French help Habré to dig in

Ndjamena (Reuters) - French troops were yesterday helping President Hissène Habré's beleaguered government to establish a strong defence line against Libyan-backed rebels pushing south towards the Chad capital, sources said.

After capturing the strategic northern town of Faya-Largeau on Wednesday and pushing south, former president Goukouni Oueddei's rebels and their Libyan allies effectively control the northern half of Chad.

Stranded Lebanese airlifted home

Apparently resigned to the continued closure of Beirut airport, the Lebanese Government announced yesterday that it would commence its own helicopter service to Cyprus to airlift thousands of businessmen and holidaymakers stranded on the island and unable to return home.

The first two military helicopters were on their way to Larnaca yesterday afternoon to collect a group of 40 Lebanese trying to reach Beirut.

It was, however, President Mubarak of Egypt who emphasized yesterday the full implications of Lebanon's predicament when he called for an Arab summit conference to prevent renewed civil war in the country and prevent its partition as well as seek some peace settlement with Israel.

Bombings spoil special day for India

Delhi (AFP and AP) - Bomb attacks in Kashmir and Assam, which wounded at least nine people, marred India's thirty-sixth Independence Day celebrations, the Press Trust of India reported.

In Srinagar summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, six were injured in a blast which occurred as Mr Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister, was taking the salute at a parade. In Assam three people were injured, two seriously, when a bomb exploded at Nowgong.

In Assam, the All Assam Students Union and All Assam Ganga Sangram Parishad, leading the four-year-old movement against illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, held parallel Independence Day functions in different parts of Assam with a call to the people to boycott official functions.

In southern Tamil Nadu, all functions connected with Independence Day were on a subdued note, reflecting the deep feeling of the ethnic violence in Sri Lanka which left 371 people dead, and at least 100,000 homeless, mostly Tamils.

Turkey's Premier to stand in elections

Ankara - Mr Bulent Ulusu, the Turkish Prime Minister, has announced that he will stand in the elections scheduled for November 6 as an independent on the ticket of the right-wing Nationalist Democracy Party (Rasif Gunduller writes).

He said his decision would not affect the neutrality of his government, which would stay on until after the elections. He would not be joining the party, but was merely exercising a right granted in the elections law to members of the Government.

Israel opens Spain air link

Madrid - The arrival of the first regularly scheduled El Al flight between Israel and Spain brought the two countries one step closer to establishing diplomatic relations (Harry Debelius writes).

Coconut men leave quietly

The Foreign Office said that a group of Mauritian coconut-pickers who landed illegally on a British island dependency in the Indian Ocean last month had left without provoking a confrontation (Reuters reports).

Yemen unity

Sana North Yemen (AFP) - The Presidents of North and South Yemen attended the first of a series of meetings of the Supreme Yemeni Council to review progress towards unification of the two countries.

Goukouni's see-saw with Libya

Ndjamena (Reuters) - Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the rebel leader seeking to oust President Hissène Habré of Chad, is labelled a "Libyan puppet" by his opponents.

But his relations with Libya over the years have seen-sawed, along with his battle against Mr Habré, his for guerrilla comrades, and Mr Goukouni at imperialist "Libyan imperialism".

Zia arrests former army chief

From Our Correspondent Islamabad

More than 200 opposition party leaders and workers have been arrested in Pakistan in the past few days including a former Chief of Staff of the Pakistan Army, General Tikka Khan, according to press reports. There has been no official statement yet.

Two explosions took place in the office of an organization claiming to support General Zia-ul-Haq, Pakistan's military ruler, at Dada, about 200 miles north of Karachi on Sunday. One person was seriously injured.

Quiet pull-out

Hongkong - China has officially announced that all units of the People's Liberation Army have been withdrawn from the border between Hongkong and the "special economic zone" of Shaohchun, a full year after the troops quietly pulled out and transferred security to local police and militia.

Brain drain

Kampala (AP) - Almost half of Uganda's newly-qualified doctors have left to work abroad. Of the 53 graduates from Makerere University medical school, 24 have departed for other African countries, Europe, the United States, and Papua New Guinea.

Finger roll

Friedrichshafen (AFP) - A West German holidaymaker found a finger in the bread he had bought here for breakfast. The bakery confirmed that one of its employees had lost a finger a few days earlier, and had been unable to find it despite a thorough search of the dough.

The visit to Lourdes

Simplicity, humour and fervour for the Pope

The Pope's second and last day at Lourdes was a distinctive blend of ceremony, simplicity, religious fervour, moments of humour and pervasive police protection.

Andropov insists on discipline

President Andropov yesterday hinted that further Soviet economic reforms were in the offing, but said they would be accompanied by a crackdown on "passivity and indiscipline", especially among the young.

Addressing party veterans at the Central Committee, Mr Andropov said Russia had reached the stage where it needed to "turn our entire huge economy into an uninteruptedly functioning, well-adjusted mechanism".

Bill of Rights call in South Africa

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg

An eloquent plea for the inclusion of a Bill of Rights in South Africa's draft constitution was made by the Opposition yesterday when the final debate began.

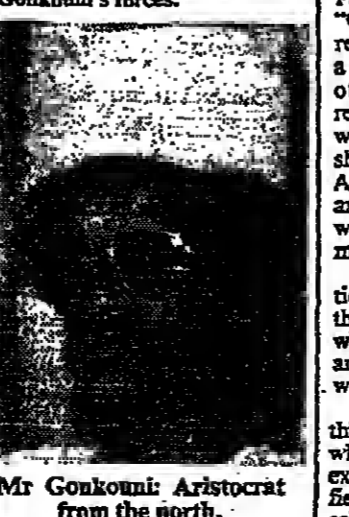
Mr Harry Schwarz of the Progressive Federal Party, told Parliament in Cape Town: "One of the most important reasons why South Africa needs a Bill of Rights is the existence of minorities, and one of the reasons why this Parliament, while it has sovereign power, should enact it is that in South Africa as a whole we, as whites, are a minority and within the white group itself there are minorities."

Nkomo flying home to restrained welcome

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Zimbabwe opposition leader, left Gatwick airport for home last night on an Air Zimbabwe flight after five months' exile in London. He was due in Harare early this morning.

Speaking on BBC radio yesterday he said he would be returning to his home in Bulawayo and hoped to play a part in the building of his country's future.

He intends to speak in the Zimbabwe House of Assembly tomorrow and said that he would then reveal proposals for achieving greater social and political harmony which he has already privately put to Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Prime Minister.



Mr Goukouni, Aristocrat from the north.

THE ARTS

Galleries

Playing into the hands of those who pour scorn



Stephen Cox's Ascent (left) and Tondo Ascension, peppered with stains and oil paint: "exquisite evocations of painted walls in classical ruins"

The Sculpture Show Hayward/Serpentine

Whether you regard The Sculpture Show as a triumph or a disaster may well depend on the order in which you see its sections. The superlatives which have been flying around in advance concerning its size are obviously justified: anything which can occupy the whole of the Hayward Gallery and the Serpentine outside...

sculpture today consists largely of random assemblages of garbage or, at best, of pieces of industrial metal-work. In room after room the pervasive impression is of litter: litter scattered over the floor; litter piled high; litter painted and lovingly displayed or litter left to fend for itself.

Jean-Luc Vilmonth (acid green), while in the brownish, dum-coloured range of the odd fibrous constructions of Shirazeh Houshiar and Judith Cowan have their eccentric charms.

Arrival at the Serpentine does not answer that particular question; but certainly the cloud of gloom immediately lifts. Here in the first room we have Michael Sandie and, though it is to be hoped that he will get tired of his tomb and catafalque shapes fairly soon...

St John Passion Albert Hall/Radio 3

It has been enthralling to observe, over the last decade or so, how the textures of the rhetoric and indeed the meaning of Bach's great choral works have been gradually transformed by the use of period instruments, old playing techniques and small vocal forces...

Concerts

and he absent-mindedly pinched a line from Pilate. That might not have mattered had Pilate not been sung by David Thomas, an incomparably strong, precise and forceful characterization.

Nicholas Kenyon

This year's evening devoted to young composers in the ICA's "Musica" series began with a pair of experiments which have to be deemed failures. First there was Helen Rose's... Paper/Scissors...

Young composers ICA

Most evangelists tire through the long evening of a Bach Passion: Nigel Rogers, after an uneven, edgy start, blossomed into a fiery, dramatic narrator who drew the whole message of the Passion home in the words "auf dass ihr gläubet".

Television

Speculating about success

Sid Weighell was quite the most interesting guest to have appeared on Dr Anthony Clare's Mornings (BBC 2). Like Petula Clark in last week's encounter, Mr Weighell was resolutely unimpressed by Dr Clare's professional stance...

Theatre in the United States

Keefe in crackling form

Barrie Keefe's updated version of Middleton's A Mad World, My Masters looks like highly exotic fruit in the lush confines of the newly opened La Jolla Playhouse...

Rock

Crime's lead singer, Gregory Grey, is an extraordinary performer; he hovers on the brink of total excess but somehow manages to make that work to his advantage.

U2 and Guests

Last weekend's festival was probably the most important cultural event in Dublin since the Pope's personal appearance in 1978. While the bands had to make do with a crowd of some 20,000 and John Paul II pulled over a million...

Lolanta

Tchaikovsky's last opera, Lolanta, premiered less than a year before his death, has been unpopular in post-revolutionary Russia...

Osud

It is not too much to say, after Sunday night's highly stimulating concert performance of Osud, or Fate, that another Janacek opera has been added to the canon.

Rare opera

dizzying moment when somebody mocks a passage from the second act, and suddenly the door is opened into a hall of mirrors. Zivny, our composer, has written his opera about a composer called Lensky.

London theatre

The Heart of the Mirror ICA

Long programme-notes, particularly when they deal with obscure myths and legends, are usually an indication that the play itself is not going to explain satisfactorily what it is on about.

Charles Marowitz

Through dreams, legends and psychoanalysis it attempts to deal with the broad theme of 3,000 years of patriarchal domination and to look forward to a world where a balance is reached between the masculine and feminine.

Clare Colvin

The company must have had an interesting time doing their research, and no doubt, some satisfying sessions of improvisation. But the end result of half-digested myths and theories makes for an unilluminating work as far as the audience is concerned.

John Russell Taylor

The show runs until October 9. From today until October 1 there is a supplementary show at the AIR Gallery of drawings by eight of the lesser-known sculptors exhibited.

Hilary Finch

riden patriarch. Throughout the evening the burning of St Joan, most famous victim of the fashion to persecute women as witches, is played upon. Another recurring image is the Gestapo-style executioner/rapist in black leather and dark glasses who strides the stage in high boots searching for his prey.

Max Bell

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SPECTRUM

When big became beautiful

In 1967, in the midst of a crisis, I had told our hank manager that Biba would one day be like Harrods. He gave me a long, puzzled look and said, "Do you really want that?" I was adamant.

Each day as I walked from the Church Street shop to the new site in Kensington High Street, I had examined the Derry and Toms department store building close by. It was so beautiful and so unappreciated. No one there had any respect for the building or its superb detail. It had been a star in its heyday but now, as it grew old and dusty, no one even gave it a glance. I began to daydream that one day we would bring it back to its original splendour.

Later, when the High Street shop was open, I noticed a tree on the roof of Derry and Toms, and realized there was a roof garden. One lunchtime in 1969, when my son Witold came to the shop with his nanny, the sun was shining and I said, "Let's go up and see this 'garden in the sky'."

We walked around the corner and there was another garden. Witold ran on to the little wooden bridge that crossed a narrow stream and we played Billy Goat Gruff for a while and then went on to examine the tatty-looking flamingoes. We felt a million miles away from the noisy street below. Looking over the balustrade we could see the whole skyline of London around us.

"Fitz, one day we must have this place," I said.

"Right, I'll get it for you," he replied. For the next two years I collected bits of furniture, cuttings of old carpets, mouldy old curtains with interesting waves, and books and references about Derry and Toms. Any information that I might later need would be at my fingertips. I also collected people who would be useful for the big moment.

Anyone who was original was commissioned to do something specific for Biba. Myra Conin, for example, spent two years mixing up the basic colours for all sorts of designs. Sometimes she would spend days mixing a brown until it was the correct shade we needed for a carpet. Eventually one could describe a colour to her verbally and she would be able to put it down on paper. She spent months decorating the 1930s lust that was duplicated in glass fibre throughout the big shop.

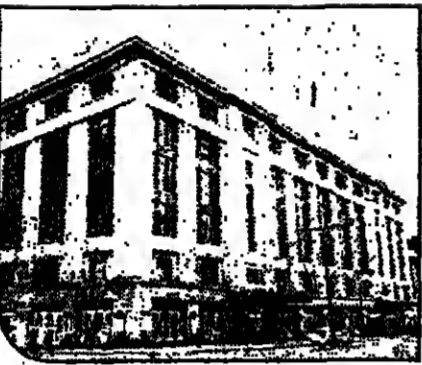
We felt shocked when we heard that our dream was going to be either shattered or forced upon us far earlier than we imagined. After all, we had only just moved to the High Street. By chance the head of the public relations agency we used knew Sir Hugh Fraser, the chairman of Derry and Toms, and heard that he was planning to sell. She organized a dinner party at her house in Windsor and invited Sir Hugh and us. It was a very high-powered party. Literally over the port and cigars Fitz managed to bring up the subject of Derry and Toms. Was Sir Hugh really selling? Sir Hugh was not sure. Would

Abridged from From A to Biba by Barbara Hulanicki, published by Hutchinson on September 5, price £8.95



Synonymous with Swinging London, Biba had by the late 1960s become an established part of the London fashion scene. A successful boutique selling trend-setting clothes was, however, no longer enough for the business's founder, Barbara Hulanicki, and

her husband, Stephen Fitz-Simon. Backed by the Dorothy Perkins fashion chain, they planned a momentous expansion into famous premises just across the road. In the second of three extracts from her forthcoming biography, Barbara Hulanicki describes the birth-pangs of an adventure which was to bring down the Biba empire



Above left: the author in the roof garden. Below left: the Art Deco palace. Right: Twigg shows off the Big Biba style

Sir Hugh gave us first option if he decided to sell? He might and he might not, but we left the party with the distinct impression that the building was available if we could raise the money.

The next step was to sell the idea to our partners. Fitz went to Bracknell, armed with reams of figures, to persuade the Dorothy Perkins board. We had agreed that come what may we were going to have that building, and if the answer was "no", from Bracknell we had flights booked the next day for New York, where we had connections who might back us. But Dorothy Perkins agreed.

'Sir Hugh tells me he has sold to you. I must have £400,000 in my hands by tonight'

The next stage was a formal lunch at Claridge's with Sir Hugh Fraser. David Roxburgh and John Ritblatt were there representing Dorothy Perkins. Ritblatt, small and sallow, was the head of a huge property company, British Land, who were property advisers to Dorothy Perkins, and took charge of the negotiations. The lunch dragged on with Ritblatt and Fraser telling stories

about the deals they had done. At the end of it everyone said goodbye and nothing seemed to have been accomplished.

One Friday afternoon at about 4 o'clock Fitz heard a rumour that the building was about to be sold to someone else. He rang Roxburgh, who rang Ritblatt on another line, and both said there was no more that they could do. The deal was lost. Fitz was cursing Sir Hugh Fraser. "He bloody promised it to us."

"Ring him up," I suggested. Sir Hugh was at his desk in Glasgow. Fitz said, "I hear you are selling the building."

"Yes," said Sir Hugh. "You promised it to us," said Fitz. "Have you got £3.9m?" "Yes," said Fitz, who had no idea how far Dorothy Perkins might go. "Stay by your phone," said Sir Hugh.

Two minutes later a call came through to Fitz from the director in charge of the House of Fraser in London. It was very dramatic. "I can't talk loud," he said. "I have British Home Stores with me and I am about to sign with them. Sir Hugh tells me that he has sold to you. I must have £400,000 in my hands by tonight."

Fitz went a bit white but promised it would be with him in one and a half hours. He rang Roxburgh with news. Roxburgh was speechless but

passed it on to Ritblatt who, knowing a bargain when he saw one, arranged the transfer of the money within the hour.

One afternoon in the summer of 1972 Fitz came to my desk carrying a copy of the Evening Standard and looking very white. The headline on the City page carried the announcement that Dorothy Perkins had been taken over by British Land.

The shock was awful. It is every retailer's nightmare to be controlled by a property developer. The two have interests that are totally at loggerheads. The landlord must get the maximum rent while the shopkeeper must fight for every last penny. Furthermore, as we read the article, we saw that the control was passing to a board of directors composed of two accountants, a personnel manager and someone from an advertising agency. There was not one retailer among them. The situation was going to be impossible.

We both knew that we should resign at that moment. Biba was still at its peak: we would have been financially very well off, and we could have walked away and let them get on with it. On the other hand, Biba was our child and to desert her now was impossible. We knew that from that day forward we would have a fight to the end on our hands.

The first day of the building work was really impressive. Before we could

start we had to clear out all the rubbish and bits of odd shopfitting left behind by Derry and Toms. We had more than 600 men in the building on that first day. Half of them appeared to have worked for us as some time or other in the past. Shouts of "Hello, Barbara" followed me as I walked about between the heaps of debris. As the rubbish was cleared it was wildly exhilarating to see revealed for the first time the beautiful Art Deco details of the building.

The only thing that was not functioning was the computer that was meant to tell us exactly where we were. Every evening Fitz would spend hours working out where our budget was overrunning and what we could reduce or eliminate if we were not to overspend. Every day the situation changed as unexpected complications and problems emerged.

At last the moment came when I had to start laying out the merchandise. Fitz had worked out a schedule floor by floor and department by department for when the shopfitting would be complete and the merchandise in the stock rooms. I had six weeks and over 100,000 square feet of shop, and I was the only person who could do it. As I had designed or bought each thing, I had a mental picture of how they would all work together, and it was impossible to transmit the overall impression to others.

The huge display units had arrived. They were reassembled in their final places and the finishing touches applied. As each department was finished, the manageresses and stock-room workers would assemble a cross section of all the stock around me and I would start to work.

The store had gone quiet: the workmen had left and there was an enormous silence

The first department to be ready we called the Casbah. It was on the front corner of the ground floor and comprised all the things that we had picked up and seen on our travels from Turkey via Beirut to Morocco. At about 6.30 one night the store had gone quiet: the workmen had left and there was an enormous silence. Through the brown paper-covered windows I could hear the traffic and the life outside. There was a busking bagpiper playing outside Barker's, the store across the street. According to Fitz's schedule I only had until I am to complete this part, and after I had worked for two hours lifting heavy brass objects, I seemed to have been going backwards.

My back was aching and I felt completely lost. I had been vaguely aware of two girls sitting near me, watching what I was doing. As I wearily approached another large brass pot, one of them walked over and lifted it before I could get there. "Are you OK, Barbara?"

It was Aina, the leader of our shop-assistants' union, sitting with her friend Gunda, waiting and hoping to be involved. By the time Fitz came back, all set to work through the night to help me, the job was done.

The next day I moved on to the shoe department, a huge mirrored unit right in the middle of the ground floor. We arrived as usual at 8 am and found to our amazement that the stock was already laid out waiting for us. Normally we would spend about an hour waiting for the hands to arrive to enable us to start. To find everything in place when we got there was a miracle. Far away in a corner on our newly installed escalator sat the six committee members of the union, looking rather sheepish. We went over and Fitz thanked them.

"Well," said Aina, with some contempt, "she can't do it by herself, can she?"

Not only had they helped but they had helped with thought and understanding. These girls, who had been with us for two or three years, dealing with customers under terrific pressure all day long, really did know what we were trying to do, sometimes more than we realized.

On the last day everything was as nearly ready as we were going to get it. It was a Sunday and all our staff had been working non-stop 12 hours a day for three weeks. Every sweater was in its pigeonhole, every last fireproofed plastic grate was in place on the children's floor, shoes and room sets and men's suits were all in position. The food hall could only do their display at the last minute, for obvious reasons. The security guards were in their uniforms. The waiters had had endless hours of rehearsal.

I felt almost disappointed that the preparations were over. Fitz and I took a final walk through the six floors and 400,000 square feet of our total empire. I rummaged into stock rooms and staff rooms and offices, but I could find nothing wrong.

We left well before midnight. It was the first time we had been outside the Big Biba and could see it with all the lights blazing in the windows. I knew that it was not perfect, but I thought I had a lifetime to make it so.

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TOMORROW: The pinstripe brigade moves in

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What the papers say about the Fiat Uno. The interior is luxuriously finished and the outside lines have been softened to make it different from the current crop of lookalike hatchbacks. SUNDAY MIRROR. The results from the rigorously controlled annual Mott-Fit Economy Run are frankly staggering. My own figure was 75.27 mpg at an average speed of 44.77 mph. GUARDIAN. The Uno's steering also drew favourable comments from all our testers who praised its ability to afford good feel when being hustled along hilly lanes and at high motorway speeds while retaining light and responsive throughout the entire speed range. MOTOR. The unique combination. From £3,300.

Interferon kits

It is still too early to predict with confidence whether interferon will really find a place in the treatment of cancer, the common cold or more serious viral diseases but many trials are under way and even more are promised. One important aspect of these will be to determine for how long the interferon remains in the blood stream and the best doses to keep the level of interferon in the blood stream at its optimum for effective therapy. The measurement of interferon levels has traditionally been complex, inaccurate and time-consuming. Two years ago a much more convenient method was devised in Cambridge. It took advantage of an experimentally produced "monoclonal" antibody against interferon. Celltech, Britain's only sizable biotechnology company, have just begun to sell the method in kit form so that anyone carrying out a trial of interferon should be able to monitor its blood level. The kit could also be used to detect individuals who produce too little of their own interferon and so might benefit from more of it. The only snag is that the kit does not detect all of the types of interferon that the human body produces and which are being tested as drugs.

Space experiment

A mixture of proteins, some of them from blood, was separated far more efficiently on last month's space shuttle than in a comparable ground-based experiment. The sponsors of the experiment, the aerospace firm McDonnell Douglas and purveyors of baby powder (and pharmaceuticals) Johnson & Johnson, believe that there is a commercial future in separating out substances of therapeutic value in that way. They argue that the extremely high cost of a shuttle-borne experiment will be more than offset by the great advantages of running separation techniques under zero gravity. Already, without interference of gravity, several hundreds of times the volume of liquid have been processed in space as in the same time span on earth; and the purity of

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research BIOTECHNOLOGY

Tough tobacco

It may seem curious that plant scientists are busy producing tobacco plants that are antibiotic resistant when tobacco farmers are not in the habit of spraying their fields with antibiotics, but nothing frivolous is intended. It just so happens that a bacterial gene for antibiotic resistance is a convenient starting point from which to develop new systems for introducing valuable genes into plants. The most advanced system for doing so is very cunning. It makes use of bacteria that infect wounds of certain broad-leaved plants and produce tumours near the wounds. In the process some of the bacterial genes become permanently integrated into those of the plant. What biotechnologists plan to do is to replace the tumour-causing bacterial genes with genes that will benefit the plant or, to be more accurate, the plant breeder. For example, if a crop plant could be endowed with a gene for resistance to weed killers, the crop would suffer less when its fields are sprayed with the substance. If any of that sounds easy, it is not. Nonetheless progress is being made steadily with model systems chosen for their ease and convenience. One such is the introduction of antibiotic resistance genes

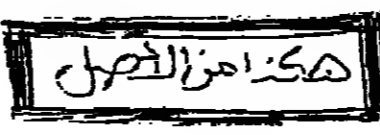
into cells of tobacco plants. Success is measured by the ability of the cells to grow in the presence of the antibiotic.

Growth hormone

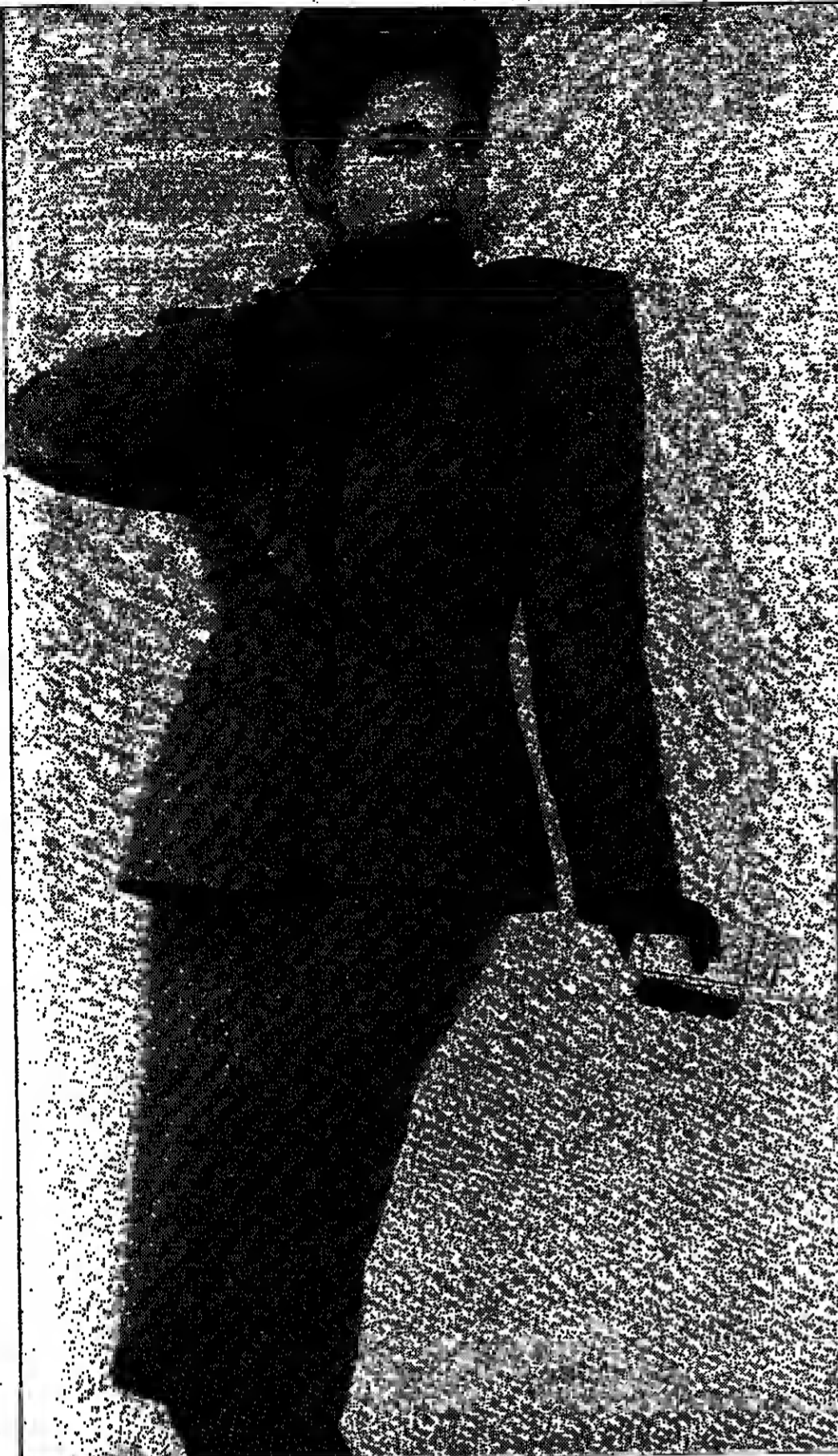
It is down on the farm among uncomplaining animals that biotechnology is set to make many of its earliest impacts. Recently an American company matched on earlier European launch of a vaccine against a diarrhoeal disease of young pigs. Genentech, one of the largest of the American companies, is more interested in growth hormone. It began by turning bacteria to the production of human growth hormone but has since worked its way down through cows, pigs and sheep to turkeys and chickens. The idea, in each case, is to supplement animal feed with growth hormone with the aim of producing a rapid rate in the animals with a faster turnover for the farmer. Meanwhile the use of human growth hormone, produced by bacteria, is already the subject of advanced clinical trials. Although there is evidence of one side effect, it should not be too long before an adequate supply of bacterially produced hormone does away with the current grisly extraction of it from the glands of human cadavers.

Polymer bonus

The day of the biodegradable plastic bottle came a step closer recently with the formation of the new company of Marlborough Biopolymers. The company's aim is to find uses and a market for the bacterially-produced polymer that has been developed by ICL joint owner of the company. The double bonus of the polymer, PHB, is that it is not only produced by bacteria but can be degraded by them, avoiding petrochemicals and pollution at the same time, but perhaps producing problems for storage. In practice, there is some way to go before the polymer can be made into plastic products and before the process is cheap enough to compete with existing technology. Peter Newmark



FASHION



Left: Tuxedo suit with padded shoulders and short sharp pencil skirt. In grosgrain or silk, turquoise, grey, cream or black. Approx £475 to order from Anthony Price at Ebony, 45 South Molton Street, W1. Silver-plated tassle earrings by Gary Wright, £12 from Harvey Nichols. Sutton gloves £19 from Stephen Jones, 34 Lexington Street, W1.

Right: Black silk dress £75, hip-bugging leather belt £185 and long leather gloves £75. By Azzedine Alaïa from Joseph, 6 Sloane Street, SW1. Anodized aluminium necklace £25.50, chain bracelet £8.00 by Sheila Tsangou from Liberty. Harvey Nichols; and mail order from 45/46 Charlotte Road, EC2.

Below: Shimmering sequinned top £140, trousers £170, available in white, red, black and leopard print from Basset, 8 Marylebone High Street, W1. Diamonds drop earrings £44 by Scooter from Liberty. Black suede shoes with ribbed silver heel £89.50 from Charles Jourdan, 38-43 Brompton Road, SW2.

Styling by CHRISTINE HANSELL. Hair by CLIFFORD BRANKS for MICHAEL JOY. Make-up by CLIFFORD BRANKS using ELIZABETH ARDEN'S new autumn collection "Autumn".

Photographs by VICTOR YUAN



Shaping up, 1983

The renaissance of glamour and grand dressing was remarkable in the recent Paris collections. It is also an important part of young London pop style. Guest-writer Angela Neustatter looks at the allure of glamour

with a stunning new range of clothes. Glamour was peremptorily banished in the mid-1970s, attacked on the one hand by the ideology of the women's movement which, unintentionally, inspired a myriad of dungarees and boiler suits, and on the other by the overwhelming heartiness of the health cult which kicked the nation out in interlock jogging suits.

utilitarian which had its grip so firmly on fashion, it can be seen that the return of glamour is logical. Fashion, more than any other art form, works in contrasting cycles. The mini skirt was followed by the maxi; hippie styled Indian dresses and the cottage industry were succeeded by impeccable tailoring; lace, frills and demure prettiness gave way to clean cut sporty gear.

She explains: "I design glamorous clothes because that is what interests and excites me. Elegance I find boring, it touches no nerves. I believe clothes should be about causing a reaction, about making contact. They make whoever wears them feel exceptional. We all want to be exceptional, but few people have the confidence to own the feeling of glamour are the ones who have a puritanical approach, who disapprove. They misunderstand glamour and believe it is about being cheap and tarty. It is about living art, and being proud of yourself."

Hard core glamour, a missing element of fashion for so long, is making a forceful reappearance this autumn. Yves St Laurent deals in slinky black dresses and a clutch-the-body button through, black leather coat dress; Anne Klein has created narrow line dresses with shoe string straps to be worn with long gloves; Calvin Klein combines the slinky with the tactile in angora body dresses, while Anthony Price, over here, has echoed his delight in glamour

Meanwhile, the prevailing mood of the times was morally based with commitment to serious issues. Julie Christie, erstwhile incandescent fantasy girl, dressed unbecomingly and made public her allegiance to the Greenham Women. Jane Fonda, a reputation forged on glamorous roles, espoused important causes in sneakers, blue denim and the nature's face. It was not the climate for glamour.

But with a change of decade, so there is a change of mood. Earnestness gives way to narcissism and a lust for frivolity and gloss. Joan Collins, high priestess of the quest for eternal glamour, is the new heroine and her tips on looking good command columns inches once devoted to those serious issues.

It was, of course, the Hollywood stars of the 1930s era who established the notion of glamour, who instituted the idea of contrived, consumable style. At vast expense and the efforts of numerous wardrobe creators, make-up artists, cosmetic practitioners, the stars were made to represent a "reality" which the public could copy. When Joan Crawford, described by Penny Stalling, writing about the Hollywood hype machine as "the apotheosis of glamour", appeared in *Letty Lynton* 10,000 copies of the dress she wore were sold.

which concerned the women's movement. Stylized or glamorous clothes were taken to task for the way they labelled women as dolls or actually incapacitated them. Judith Thurman, an American journalist, writing in *Ms* magazine and describing an outfit of wide-shouldered suit, cut tight and structured, hair piled up beneath a veiled hat, high heels, says: "However you interpret the politics of these clothes one thing about them is certain: they will make women who wear them feel self-conscious. They will be self-conscious of the wind blowing the little hats off, of their stomach protruding from their sheath skirts, of their hobbled stride and their shabby balance. And the self-conscious woman, distracted by her moving parts, is a powerless woman. She can't compete, she can't work ef-

ficiently, she simply can't forget herself. So how will a revival of hard edged glamour be greeted in the aftermath of such discussion; how does a slinky button-through dress and pin heels square with the tastes and aspirations of women now? Sociologist Elizabeth Wilson, who is working on a fashion book, has been involved with the women's movement for many years and believes the mood of puritanism towards dress has eased. She explains: "It was necessary for the movement to challenge the way in which clothes were identifying women as dollybirds, as insubstantial. It was important that something quite loud and conspicuous was done to draw attention to the situation. But clothes is that they can be enjoyable."

are freer about what they wear. "There have been some important and influential happenings. Punk was a form of dressing up, of glamour, which women used but which was not oppressive. It was ornate, contrived but not to do with being a sex object. Women and men together created an image for society, but it was not a female way of attracting a male. "We have reached a position now where quite a lot of women have the confidence of independence, of liking themselves and feeling they have some control over their sexuality. If given these things, they choose to dress up in glamorous or sexy clothes without losing their strength then surely it is all right. The point about clothes was done to draw attention to the situation. But clothes is that they can be enjoyable." SUZY MENKES is on holiday

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THE TIMES DIARY

Open invitation

It is 14 months since County and District Properties, at the behest of Kensington and Chelsea council, knocked gaping holes in Kensington Old Town Hall. Local conservation groups are worried that company and council may now have found a way of finishing the job.

The Anglo-Japanese Economic Institute provides the following information about the 1,840,000 articles lost on Japan National Railways last year.

No marks

Dr Gunnell Tottie of Uppsala University admires the open-mindedness of the Anglican church in mounting in York Minister the German Democratic Republic's devotedly Marxist exhibition commemorating Luther's quincentenary.



"And over here we have the new Austin Marx"

Close season

For three million and more unemployed there is a certain irony in the fact that over the past two weeks the Department of Employment's staff training centre in Tottenham Court Road has been closed between 2 and 3 pm for lack of a doorman.

What a pain

In the great PH'Sausage joke quest, today's prize goes to Richard Hunt for the following: an Englishman apologized to a French guest about the quality of English bread, describing it as a tribute to the bakers' art of getting water to stand upright, and defining an English loaf as a steam-baked, chemically-bleached, parallel line piped in a polythene shroud.

Carriage class

British Rail is still striving for the take-off talk of after its improved financial results last week. On the 1500 InterCity 125 from Edinburgh on Saturday, all drinks in the buffet were being served in British Airways glasses.

Not to be outdone by foreign competitors, British restaurateurs are fighting back with culinary innovations of their own. A cafe in Eadell Street, Covent Garden, tempted T. J. Bosman with "cheese and onion kishies", but even that was not as titillating as the offer to Arthur Ahebe, by the Red Lion, Ebury Street, of a "quick Lorraine".

Bernard Levin gives his verdict on the British 'Ring'

Driving straight to the heart of Wagner's heroic mystery



Freia (Anita Soldh), on whose golden apples the gods live, is the giants' foe for building Valhalla: the Ring is her ransom

At about seven o'clock in the evening on Monday of last week, in the middle of Act II of Die Walkure, Hildegarde Behrens embarked upon the long dialogue in which she brings the tidings of death to the doomed hero, with the words "Siegmund, sech auf mich" ("Siegmund, look on me").

From where I stand, waiting for the fanfare to summon us back to our seats and wondering whether I have time for another brace of sausages before the interval ends, I can see, among the British contingent alone, a former Prime Minister, a Secretary to the Cabinet, a former Minister of the Arts, a former chairman of Covent Garden, a royal duke, a Warden of Wadhwa, a genius, a saviour of Venice, a young composer on his honeymoon, a director-general, and a man who claims to have acquired a ticket for Götterdämmerung this very morning by mingling with the seething crowd outside the box office (sold out since last November) in search of what he called "the most obviously criminal face I could spot".

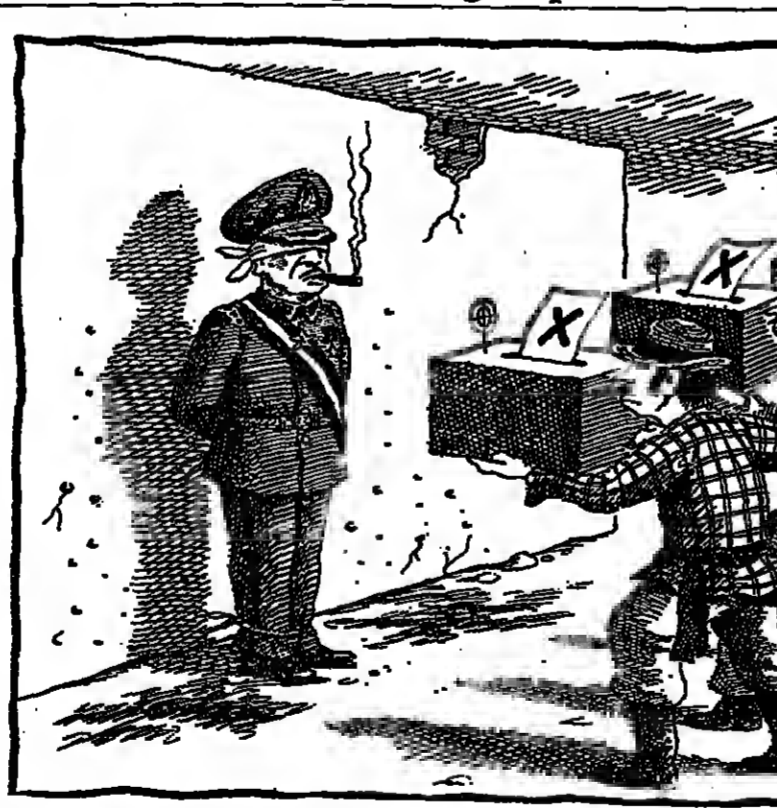
Yet a Ring cannot be made out of authenticity alone. Peter Hall's success lies in the way he has enabled us, by his fidelity to the wishes of a composer with a well-deserved reputation for knowing his own mind, to see both the drama and its meanings plain. Away with the "interpretations" we have had these last years, mostly by salon-Marxists who have never read more than two paragraphs of Marx and understood neither of those. Away with the incessant hunger to épater les bourgeois, to draw parallels that are not parallel and conclusions that conclude nothing.

Edward Schumacher on Chile's growing impatience with military rule

After the riots, Pinochet in the firing line

Santiago As September 11 and the tenth anniversary of Chile's military coup approaches, the junta appears to be bowing to popular pressure for a faster move towards democracy than so far promised. Twenty-four people died in riots during the latest monthly protests, but they prompted a government reshuffle.

After the riots, Pinochet in the firing line



Democratic Alliance, a coalition of five centrist parties headed by the Christian Democrats, has said it will call a protest again next month, when Pinochet will celebrate the anniversary of his coup against Salvador Allende.

There are mistakes, of course, worst of them being Hall's decision to use a gauge, which freezes everything, particularly that which should not be frozen. Then again, the Valkyries' collection of the bodies from the battlefield is a mess, and the Gibichung Hall, until the final scene, is horribly cramped, besides being carpeted, apparently, in bird-droppings.

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Roger Scruton

Foxtrotsky and a Minuet Tendency

Holidays, like birthdays, weddings and temporary farewells, are points of transition and renewal. Hence they are occasions for dancing. Every summer people gather in Mediterranean resorts and, to the sound of violin, guitar, bouzouki or electric organ, begin to shuffle off their coils.

So it is, at least, in the fourth, where the habit of social dancing - dancing, which needs no hostile motive, which extends equally to the very old and the very young, which permits man to dance with man, woman with woman and child with child - has not yet disappeared.

The minuet, by contrast, is exclusive and disciplined. It is also social, each dancer must obey the formation, and from time to time change partners so as to dance with someone whom he did not choose. He must confine his seductive gestures to those little nuances which are all the more pleasurable for their resemblance to the innocent smiles and touches of the dance.

The league, however, is stomping Fleet Street to hawk "spy" pictures for the highest possible price, and promising more "shock horror revelations". Anyone with evidence that a hunt has broken the rules can present it to the sport's ruling bodies or seek legal redress. It is, for example, a criminal act to restrain a wild animal in a bag, then release it for hounds to hunt.

Michael Clayton

Hunting down the elusive facts

The anti-hunters have started their season early this year, with a new note in the baying of the unattractive little pack run by the League Against Cruel Sports.

The league's latest shrill propaganda line is that organized hunting in Britain cannot be trusted to stick to its own rules. As first reported in The Times, the league has revealed that it employs a leading hunt saboteur as a double agent to spy on hunts.

Under the long-established system of organized hunting, Britain has the largest deer population in Europe, the red deer herds on Exmoor flourish under selective culling by the hunts, with close seasons observed, and hares and mink abound in the countryside.

Many Britons clearly enjoy watching a well-bred pack of hounds tackling the difficult task of hunting a wild animal. Huntsmen's abilities are discussed in rural circles with the enthusiasm accorded in cities to soccer players.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BALMORAL CASTLE August 15: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince Andrew, The Prince Edward and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia at Aberdeen this morning.

The Queen will visit HM Customs and Excise at King's Beam House to mark their bicentenary on December 15.

Birthdays today

Mr Menachem Begin, 70; The Right Rev R. O. Bowley, 57; Sir Philip Dowson, 59; Mr Ted Hughes, 53; Sir Donald Maitland, 61; Captain Henry Price, 71; the Duke of St Albans, 68; Mr John Standing, 49; Professor W. St C. Symmers, 66; Sir James Taylor, 81; Mr G. J. Warnock, 60; Professor B. Wolcott, 79.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Professor Robert Clark, Professor Richard Cornack, Professor John Dewey and Mr Ferdinand Laroche to be members of the Natural Environment Research Council.

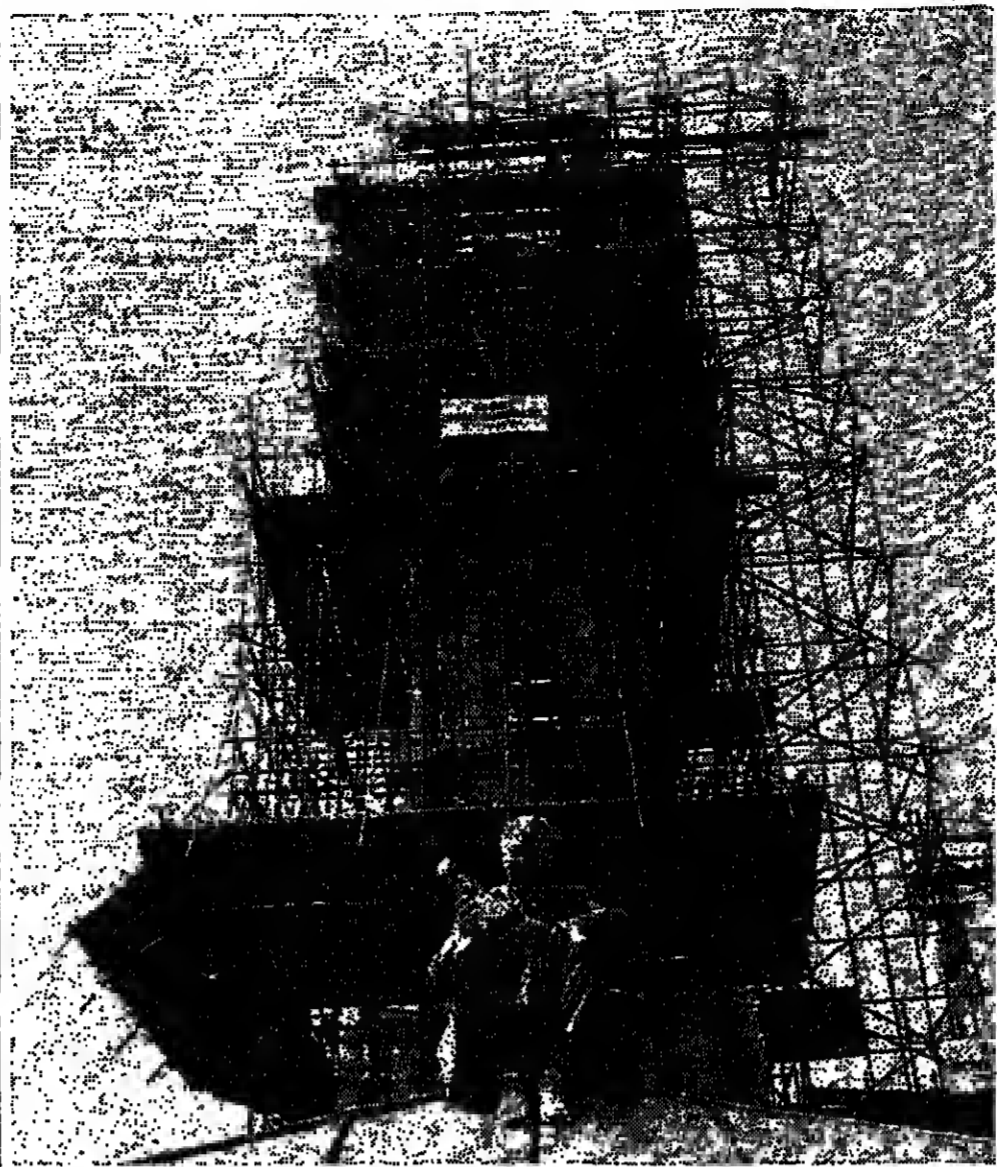
Latest wills

Mr Cyril Henry George Beazer, of Bath, company director, late of Greenway Lane Properties (Bath) and C. H. Beazer (Holdings), left estate valued at £2,938,444 net. He left his property mostly to relatives.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. D. Combes and Miss E. J. Little. The engagement is announced between Peter Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. E. T. Wright, of Helton House, Darnley Park, Wilshire, and Harriet Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. S. Little, of Tefont Magna, Wilshire.

Mr J. R. Monroe and Miss J. E. Rosch. The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Monroe of Howell, Wirral, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. N. Rosch, of Sandwick, Kent.



Mr Donald Sinden preparing to begin the restoration of St Mary-le-Strand yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Saving a London landmark

Mr Donald Sinden, the actor, yesterday donned a topping-out hat and climbed 60 feet up a ladder to start an operation which, it is hoped, will save the steeple of one of London's most beautiful churches.

Marriages

Mr R. G. Flap and Miss A. M. O. Parker. A service of blessing was held on Friday August 12, after the marriage of Mr Richard Gordon Floyd, son of Mrs R. G. Flap, of Queens, British Columbia, Canada, and Miss Alison Mary Oley Parker, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. W. O. Parker, of Faulkbourne Hall, Wilham, Essex.

Call to 'protect' religion on TV

The former head of religious broadcasting on BBC Radio, the Very Rev Colin Semper, has described as an appalling retrograde step the Independent Broadcasting Authority's decision to restrict religious television programmes to 2 pm on Sunday afternoons.

Records fall at Brighton

By a Bridge Correspondent. The main event at the English Bridge Union's 10-day summer festival sponsored by the Woolwich Building Society, which ended at Brighton on Sunday night, was won by J. E. E. Jones with the high score of 84 per cent, a record for the Four Stars.

Station to be restored

A big restoration scheme began yesterday on Shrewsbury Station, Shropshire, one of the outstanding examples of Victorian railway architecture in Britain.

Stirling University

The following have been awarded first class honours at Stirling University: Management Science and Technology: MSc (Hons) in Business Administration; MSc (Hons) in Business Administration; MSc (Hons) in Business Administration.

95,000 at show

The two-day Shrewsbury Flower Show last week attracted 95,000 people, the highest number since its centenary year in 1974.

Science report

Riddle of the poisoned chickens

An obscure poison began killing chickens in Arizona two years ago and experts failed to agree about the exact nature of the substance. But more recent investigations indicate that the source is a toxin produced by a mould, Fusarium moniliforme, which is found widely in corn.

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The specific poison produced by the mould is still a subject of argument among experts, but the new findings conclude they are a family of agents called trichothecenes. It is unclear whether the toxin is produced by a mutant strain of moniliforme or whether it is formed in the common strain but under special conditions.

Wartime portraits found in archives

The wider coverage of the second collection, extending from Egypt and Libya into Tunisia, Sicily and Italy, taking in the 1st Army campaign in North Africa and contributions from units in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean, draws comment from the book's two advisers, Field Marshal Lord Carver and General Sir John Hackett.



The sketches of Generals Alexander, Anderson and Montgomery by Captain Sam Morse-Browne.



Bishop to retire next year

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Rev Kenneth Skilton, is to retire at the end of February next year, it was announced yesterday.

Church news

The Rev R. P. Lamburn, Rector of Upper and Lower Greenstead, has been elected to be Vicar of St. Andrew's, Walsby.

Professor Eric Sunderland

Professor Eric Sunderland, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, has been appointed Principal of the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

OBITUARY

LORD WAKEFIELD OF KENDAL

Sportsman and politician

Lord Wakefield of Kendal who was a Conservative Member of Parliament from 1935 to 1963, first for Swindon for 10 years and then for St. Marylebone, died in Kendal on August 12. He was 85.

Known as "Wakers", he was one of the great rugby footballers of his time. His vigour, speed and skill at dribbling as a forward were unsurpassed.

William Wavell Wakefield was born at Beckenham, Kent, on March 10, 1898, a member of an old and respected Quaker family. He was educated at the Craig Preparatory School, Windermere, Sedburgh, and, later, Pembroke College, Cambridge.

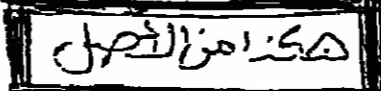
Between the wars he had developed his headlong rush. While still a schoolboy he was once racing with the ball, going as fast as he could, as he thought, when someone trying to tackle him pushed him in the back.

GENERAL SIR ROBERT BRAY

General Sir Robert Bray, GBE, KCB, DSO, Deputy Supreme Commander of Allied Command Europe from 1967 to 1970, died in Wiltshire on August 14.

He commanded both a battalion and an infantry brigade in action with distinction, but it never fell to him to command a division or a corps in similar circumstances.

Two years later Bray went to Aden as Commander Land Forces Arabian Peninsula, which appointment was redesignated GOC Middle East Land Forces in 1960. It was during his time in Aden that the colony became the main British base on the western shores of the Indian Ocean.



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Australian mining group baffled by ACC chief's buyout plans

Holmes à Court launches surprise £2.5bn takeover bid for BHP

By Michael Prest
Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the entrepreneur from Western Australia, took the stock markets of the world by surprise yesterday when he made a bid worth \$4.150bn (£2,444m) for the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Australia's biggest corporation.

An entrepreneur who turns defeat into profit

By Vivien Goldsmith
Mr Robert Holmes à Court has made his reputation as a man who turns defeat into profit by losing a bidding for a company, exciting rivals into competition and then somehow bowing out with a healthy profit.

His unsuccessful bid in 1981 for the Adelaide finance group, netted him £9m and in 1979 he was approaching the runway to take over Ansett, one of Australia's two internal airlines, when he sold out to Mr Rupert Murdoch for a tax-free

points with the suspicion that the bid for BHP is serious. It was announced in Perth just after the close of trading on the Melbourne Stock Exchange yesterday. Mr Holmes à Court is offering BHP's 178,000 shareholders two shares worth A\$6 each in an obscure Western Australian company called Wignores for every one of BHP's 340 million shares.

Amazement turned to bafflement in Australia when it was realized that Mr Holmes à Court only acquired control of Wignores, which has the state franchise for Caterpillar earth moving equipment, on Friday. Wignores supplies equipment to Mr Holmes à Court's Bell Group, his master company, and its capitalization is one per cent of that of BHP.



Holmes à Court: a dangerous reputation

Pioneering tradition of the biggest Australian

By Our Financial Staff
Mining is littered with Broken Hills, but there is only one Broken Hill Proprietary. With sales last year of A\$4,789m (£2,887m), 72,000 employees, and a capitalization of A\$3,500m, BHP is far and away Australia's biggest company.

City Editor's Comment
Registering Lloyd's more open image

The publication of proposals for a register of members' interests marks a significant turning point in the way Lloyd's of London regulates its affairs. If such a register had existed before, it is doubtful if the scandals which have recently done so much harm to the market's image could have developed in the way they did.

Turkish mystique at Harold Ingram
The two Turkish businessmen, Mr Mehmet Tecimer and Mr Yalcin Akcay, who have bought into Harold Ingram, appear to have acquired some of the mystique of Polly Pech's Mr Nadir, last year's spectacular stock market performer.

Lloyd's gives details of proposed by-laws

By Andrew Cornelius
Lloyd's of London yesterday announced details of its first important set of proposals for the introduction of an effective system of self-regulation. Mr Ian Davison, chief executive at Lloyd's, stressed yesterday that the proposed by-laws governing the disclosure of interest by insurance underwriters and the establishment of a register of members' interests can still be modified by the Lloyd's insurance community.

US strength leads index to record

By Wayne Lintott
Shares, government stocks and sterling bonded ahead yesterday. The FT Index of Britain's top 30 companies hit a record, gifts put on as much as £2 and sterling recovered early falls against the dollar and European currencies.

Retail sales slip, but trend stays buoyant

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Derek Harris
The consumer boom may be leveling off although spending in the shops is still well above the level of a year ago. Provisional retail sales figures for July, published yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry, show a drop in the index from 114.0 in June to 113.5 in July - the first monthly fall since April, 1982.

Charles Hill resignation

By Jonathan Clare
Mr William Douie resigned yesterday as deputy chairman of Charles Hill, the Bristol shipping-to-civil engineering company he joined only four months ago.

Shares push ahead in active trading

WALL STREET
New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Stocks were continuing to push ahead in early trading yesterday although the rate of advance had slowed. The gain was spurred by better-than-expected money supply figures on Friday. Trading continued to be active.

Panel clears UBM scheme
The Takeover Panel, the body which looks after shareholders' interests, has decided that the share option granted by UBM to four directors does not infringe the takeover rules. The options were granted to the UBM directors just a few days before Norcross announced it was making a £70m bid for the builders merchanting group which caused the share price to rise to 120p.

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STEINBERG
BRITISH CLOTHING MANUFACTURER REPORTS RECORD PROFITS.
In the twelve months to 26th March 1983, the Group made pre-tax profits of £1.3 million from improved trading in both the Contract Manufacturing Group and the Branded Products Group.

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Michael Prest

Impala surge underlines platinum's appeal

Dispute on oil marker price is shelved

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A dispute over the value of different oil from fields in the North Sea has been shelved by the prospects of stable world oil prices this autumn.

Some oil companies operating in the North Sea are opposing the use of oil from the Brent field rather than the Forties field as the "marker" in price negotiations.

Brent prices have been set by British National Oil Corporation, the trading company for oil produced in the North Sea, at 25 cents a barrel above the Forties price. It is now at \$31.50 a barrel.

The operators in the Brent field, particularly Esso, are now questioning whether BNOIC is right to introduce this price differential. It leads to customers paying more for oil which they feel is no different from that produced by BP Forties field and leads to costs being passed on to the customer.

The BNOIC argument is that Brent crude has a higher "tractability", that it can be more easily handled by refineries and can produce more of the products demanded by the oil companies. The companies dispute this, claiming that new refining techniques lessen the difference between North Sea oils from different fields.

Platinum is back in favour, if only because gold has mysteriously lost its appeal, and Impala Platinum's 13 per cent increase in consolidated profits will confirm the trend.

Certainly the shareholders will appreciate a final dividend of 60 cents, 20 cents more than last year, bringing the full payout to 85 cents, against 75 cents for 1982.

The key, of course, was the platinum market. When the interim results were announced, the company believed that the progress then evident could be maintained. But in the event sales were higher than expected.

Since production is still running at 680,000 ounces a year, the higher sales volume points to some decline in stocks.

The recovery of the world motor industry, particularly in the United States and Japan, enlarged the market for exhaust emission catalysts, which are now the main consumer of platinum. There has also been some extra demand from the petrochemical industry, and Japanese jewelry sales were better than expected.

The changes of fortune underline how much Platinum untraded gold is an industrial metal. But it still commands a following as a precious metal investment.

Impala has struck to the nominal producer price of \$475½ an ounce, whereas it

Impala Platinum
Year to 30.6.83
Consolidated profit R175m
(R165m)
Stated earnings 159 cents (165 cents)
Final dividend 60 cents
Share price \$12.00
Dividend payable 29.9.83

archival and fellow South African producer, Rustenburg, abandoned what seemed a redundant practice. But with platinum trading at around \$440 and at a premium to gold, the producer price does not look so irrelevant.

Interest charges of R6.98m (£4.2m) were R2.4m less than during the previous year, but were largely offset by higher royalties to the Bafokeng Tribe and the Government of Bophutswana.

Impala expects platinum consumption to continue rising, and it is probably erring on the conservative side when it says that results for this year will be much the same.

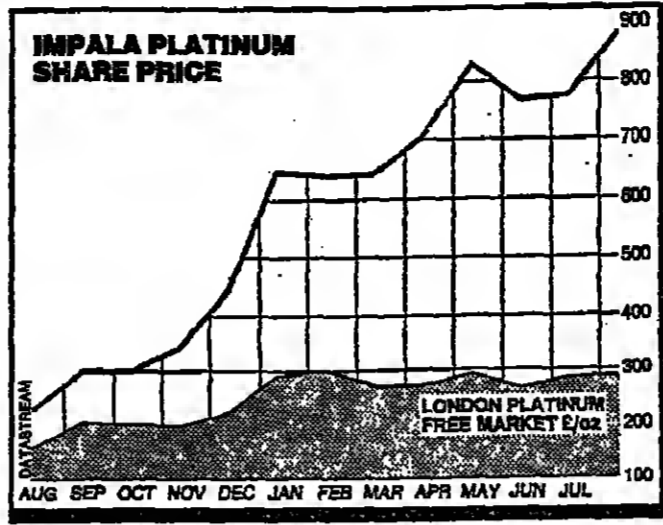
If the rate of improvement in results continues, the three - Ready Mixed Concrete, Equity Capital for Industry and Coligny Holdings - can look forward to a likely boost in the dividend at the year-end. Between them they own almost 60 per cent of the shares.

A big rise in trading profits from £28,000 to £248,000, and an interest payment of £78,000 against a debit of £52,000, is behind the recovery from the red.

British Dredging

Half-year to 30.6.83
Pre-tax profit £322,000 (Loss £105,000)
Stated earnings 1.19p (Loss 0.43p)
Share price 55p (£4.2m)
Share price 45p up 1p

British Dredging's three big shareholders can rest a little



London Platinum Share Price

Another batch of 45 jukeboxes has also been sent to the US to test the market. The sticky problem of the Company's dependence on London & Liverpool Trust to distribute the sets in Britain has been partly overcome.

Vibroplant

Year to 31.3.83
Pre-tax profit £550,956 (£353,776)
Stated earnings 5.42p (12.61p)
Turnover £16.4m (£11.5m)
Net final dividend 4.6375p (9.275p)
Share price 125p up 4p. Yield 8.0
Dividend payable 10.10.83

Vibroplant is lucky that its traditional plant hire business did so well last year. Without the more than double pretax profits from the plant hire division the company's unfortunate diversification into the production of video juke boxes for pubs and clubs could easily have been calamitous.

In the year to March 31 V I Leisure, the video parent company, lost £1.2m, which ventures to about £1.7m in two painful years.

Despite the teething problems the Vibroplant board is confident that it can do well, although there is a tentative "for sale" sign on it.

The business traded in the black for the first time in the first quarter of the present financial year and it is hoped no more losses will be recorded.

The manufacturing problems associated with the jukebox have been resolved. Sales of the latest Mark II model are also going well, with about 300 placed in pubs and clubs in Britain this year.

The second half may also see a substantial reduction in a heavy tax bill of £350,000 on the profit of £392,000 realized from the disposal of negotiations with the Inland Revenue are successful.

Suspension after 143p Ingram share rise

By Our Financial Staff

The shares of Harold Ingram the textile group were suspended yesterday after a rise by 143p to 523p.

Last Thursday Mr Harold Ingram, chairman and managing director, announced that he had sold his family's 52.26 per cent stake for 65p-a-share to Wasson Establishment.

Wasson is a Leicestershire registered investment trading company owned by two Turkish businessmen, Mr Mehmet Tecimer and Mr Yekim Aksay. It also has an investment in Bellair the cosmetic group.

Ingram shares were trading at the 60p level at the beginning of last week before the Wasson deal was announced. Ingram has recently begun trading profitably after several years of increasing losses.

Mr Ingram and the directors of Wasson were not available to comment yesterday Under takeover regulations, Wasson has to make all other shareholders the same 65p-a-share offer and will be issuing an offer document shortly.

Mr Ingram has just bought back 50,000 shares in the company at 165p a share. Wasson had a declared capital of SW Fr 30,000 (£9,500) and its owners describe themselves as import and export traders, specializing in agricultural equipment and property development. They claim extensive middle-east interests.

Overseas operations hit profit climb at TDG

By Jonathan Clare

The gradual improvement in the British economy is feeding through to profits at Transport Development Group, one of the biggest road haulage and cold storage operators. But first half results from businesses in North America and Australia have seen a dramatic downturn.

Road haulage in Britain has flattened out after an improvement last year in line with the economy, but the poor results from Australia and North America mean that overall profits from this division were down from £3.9m to £2.7m. But the overseas companies report figures three months in advance of those to Britain and TDG's chairman, Sir James Duncan, says there are ood signs of improvement to the US. "The situation in Australia is still very tight," he added.

The storage business, which

includes both cold storage and dry goods, improved its contribution to profits from £1.2m to £5.6m. This partly reflects recovery from the low demand caused by the reduction of EEC food stocks. Dry goods storage reflects the level of manufacturing activity and Sir James says there has been an improvement from 1981.

Profits from steel reinforcements for the construction industry slumped from £1.4m to £220,000. But this figure includes a loss of £350,000 attributable to 12 plants in North America.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET		COMMODITIES	
Gold	417.80-418.50	1000	1707-1708	Wheat	100.00-100.25
Silver	250.00-251.00	500	1000-1001	Corn	100.00-100.25
Copper	240.00-241.00	250	1000-1001	Soybeans	100.00-100.25
Nickel	240.00-241.00	125	1000-1001	Cocoa	100.00-100.25
Platinum	240.00-241.00	62.5	1000-1001	Sugar	100.00-100.25
Lead	240.00-241.00	31.25	1000-1001	Wool	100.00-100.25
Zinc	240.00-241.00	15.625	1000-1001	Iron Ore	100.00-100.25
Aluminium	240.00-241.00	7.8125	1000-1001	Gas	100.00-100.25
Stainless Steel	240.00-241.00	3.90625	1000-1001	Oil	100.00-100.25
Crude Oil	240.00-241.00	1.953125	1000-1001	Coal	100.00-100.25
Gas	240.00-241.00	0.9765625	1000-1001	Timber	100.00-100.25
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Signal Control raises £51.9m

International Signal and Control, the US-based electronic weapons company, has raised £51.9m with its tender offer of 34.6 million shares. The offering price has been set at 150p against the minimum tender price of 125p.

About 68 million shares of this popular issue were tendered for and allocations will total about 46 per cent of ordinary applications and 62 per cent of preferential applications for the 10 million shares reserved for existing holders of ISC.

The funds will be used for the acquisition of Marquette, a California-based missile propulsion systems producer, a deal which was completed yesterday. The striking price compares with yesterday's market price of 158p after adjustment for the one-for-one scrip issue which accompanied the offer for sale.

Authorized Unit Trusts		Authorized Units & Insurance Funds		Insurance Bonds and Funds	
Unit Name	High/Low/Bid Offer Yield	Unit Name	High/Low/Bid Offer Yield	Unit Name	High/Low/Bid Offer Yield
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The engineers fight back: Andrew Cornelius with the first of a series

A slim, international GKN moves up with the car industry

Sir Trevor Holdsworth believes he took over as chairman of GKN, Keen & Nutfield, Britain's largest engineering company, on the day the British recession began. He remembers it vividly.

On January 1, 1980, the new Conservative Government was firmly entrenched and its economic policies were starting to bite. A crippling four-month national steel strike was also about to begin, with its clear repercussions for a company which was the British Steel Corporation's biggest customer, and also its main British competitor.

Sir Trevor says: "The evidence was not really very clear at the time. We were fighting the steel strike at first but we thought that a more general recession was underlying the fall in demand."

These early instincts were to be proved right to an extent that Sir Trevor could not have anticipated. During his first full year as chairman, the group plunged into loss, after making pretax profits of £126m in 1979. The speedy rationalization of the once mighty GKN group since 1980 has halved its size.

The group employs fewer than 35,000 people in Britain today, compared with 70,000 at the end of 1979. The fact that GKN still claims to be the country's largest engineering company is a measure of the extent to which the engineering industry has been ravaged.

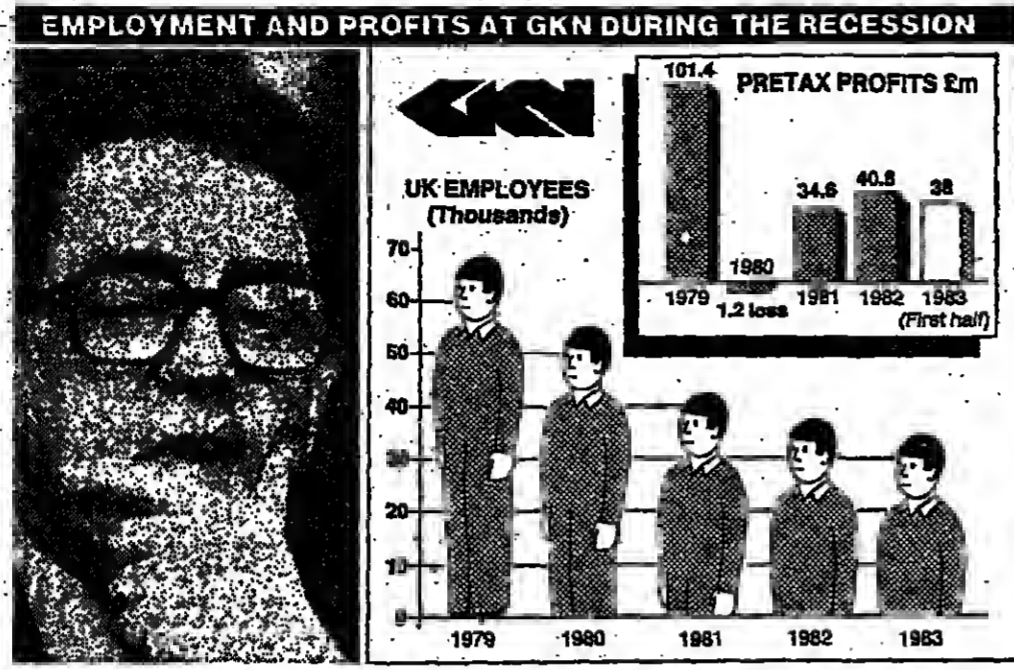
Sir Trevor says there was a need to "Europeanise and internationalise" the GKN group, recession or not. The board had also decided to concentrate resources on fewer product areas. The result is that GKN, once known as a nuts and bolts company, and later a steel related company, is now firmly established as an automotive components company. "It used to be true that when the steel industry did well so did GKN," Sir Trevor says. "Now, if the automotive industry is successful, GKN will be successful."

The final piece of the jigsaw which has transformed the group will drop into place once the £67m deal to take over AE, its rival West Midlands auto components group, is completed. GKN's formal offer document will be posted to shareholders this week.

Sir Trevor dismisses criticism that GKN is getting AE too cheaply. The suggestion that GKN is an inferior technological partner to AE also touches a nerve. "AE has not had a world leader in technology like front-wheel drive, as we have," he says.

However, the AE deal is crucial on two counts. It provides GKN with a range of automotive components which cannot be matched by its competitors. The range includes bearings, pistons, and crankshafts. The deal also strengthens GKN's hand in overseas markets like the US and Europe, where AE is established.

Together, the companies will account for two-thirds of British auto components manufacture, and about 8 per cent of the car parts distribution business. However, any suggestion that



Holdsworth: workforce has been halved, profits are improving. throughout the recession, will survive as part of the plan. GKN was also one of the first companies to be approached by Mr Peter Grant, a director of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, when he launched initiatives to rationalise the foundry and castings industries.

Under the scheme, companies prepared to close capacity were paid compensation by those which kept capacity open. At the same time, GKN was actively weeding out its peripheral activities. Sir Trevor says this process is nearly complete, although "one or two" more companies may have to go.

In future, an increasing proportion of the group's business will be overseas. Already 20 per cent of GKN's manufactures are exported and this figure will increase over the next few years. This increasing emphasis on becoming a force in an international market means by necessity that GKN will not be tied to its traditional home in the West Midlands. "I don't think we see ourselves as a West Midlands company," Sir Trevor says. "With the acquisition of AE, we will become the largest employer in Bradford."

And, as if to emphasize the point, he adds: "That's where I was born." But Sir Trevor does detect a new optimism at the sharp end of British industry in the West Midlands. There has been a rush of firms taking space in factories which GKN has converted into small units in Dalston and Wolverhampton. Sir Trevor also believes managers have become more flexible. "I think that the

management that has had to cope with recession is so much better. British management has a lot to offer now." The changing style is apparent at GKN. In the pre-recession days, the company used to be formal in its planning, producing volumes of information for an annual planning meeting which would never be acted on. These days, a five-man team at GKN's London head office is in constant touch with its divisions, and strategy meetings are held fortnightly.

The new GKN is now benefiting from a gradual improvement in the British economy. Automotive components sales have been helped by the increase in British car production, with further improvements yet to come from increased demand for cars with the new A registration. United States demand is picking up slightly behind the recovery recorded at home.

However, when reporting interim pretax profits of £38.1m for the first half of 1983, compared with £30.5m at the same stage last year, the company stressed that demand remains low from the commercial vehicle and agricultural vehicle industries. This reinforces the warning about the grim trading outlook given by Leyland Vehicles.

But the pace is picking up. GKN made £28m of its interim profits in the second quarter of the year and this level of profit should be sustained in the second half. Steel stockholding, forgings, the fastener business and distribution - all fared better than a year ago.

Sir Trevor also confidently maintains that the general economic indicators in Britain, West Germany and the United States remain encouraging and give confidence that today's modest recovery in activity will be sustained.

The challenge now facing British managers is to go out and win markets, Sir Trevor says. "The private sector has got rid of a lot of its costs and has managed to keep up its level of exports throughout the recession. For the first time in 20 years competitors are admiring Britain and saying how good it is."

British industry no longer has an excuse, Sir Trevor argues. The dollar is strong, interest rates are lower, there are no wage controls, or exchange controls. "We've got freedom," he says.

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Derek Harris

Industrial notebook Changing attitudes on how engineers are trained

The Engineering Council, set up by the Government in the wake of the Finiston report into the role of engineering in Britain's poor manufacturing performance, is supposed to have a wider role than the organization it is supplanting, the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI).

Its brief is to change attitudes and stimulate practical alterations in industry, academia, the professional bodies within engineering and even in the City.

But, there is a danger, as it attempts to promote the cause of engineering, that, at best, the Council will achieve only a scattershot effect and, at worst, it will get lost in a miasma of generalities.

The first real chance to assess the Council's mettle has come with its policy statement on education and training.

It admits in advance that some industrialists are worried about what they regard as an elitist approach. That seems to mean that many employers do not want to see too many engineers with high academic qualifications emerging from the educational system with high-flown ideas of how much they should be paid or what industry should be doing.

The issue revolves around the Council's ideas for "enhanced" "extended" full-time degree courses. Enhancement means tacking on to engineering courses those elements which have tended to be lacking in the United Kingdom, such as aspects of design and grounding in management and business methods. Emphasis on actual applications of engineering is seen as the crucial element.

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Now Istock may fight takeover

By Jeremy Warner

London Brick has built up a 4 per cent stake in Istock Johnson, ahead of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report due tomorrow. London Brick whether should be allowed to renew its takeover bid.

The purchase of the share stake suggests that London Brick is confident of getting the go-ahead from Mr Cecil Parkinson, Trade and Industry Secretary, despite the obvious, dilution of competition in the brick industry which a merger with Istock would cause.

Istock directors agreed last December to a £27m offer from London Brick but trading prospects improved so dramatically since then that they are now likely to oppose any renewed bid even at a considerably higher level.

The City is expecting the Monopolies Commission also to clear a £115m bid by Hepworth Ceramic for another brick maker, Streatley by the end of October. If this occurs it raises the possibility of a considerable proportion of British brick industry changing hands within six months.

Several strategic shareholders have been built up in London Brick during the last four months and stockbroking analysts expect both suspected shareholders, Hanson Trust and Tarmac, to make some form of intervention in any takeover battle that develops between London Brick and Istock.

In the stock market, Istock shares are trading near their year's high of 125p in anticipation of the Commission giving London Brick the green light.

National Leisure buys zoo

National Leisure Group, the new company whose chairman is Sir Fred Pontin, the one-time holiday camp tycoon, has made its first takeover of Scarborough's zoo and Marineland. Talks are also going on about the acquisition of a tourist attraction in London and a theme park outside the capital. The company's authorized capital is being doubled to £10m.

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1983 Highlights

	31st March '83	31st March '82
Turnover	£4.4m	£2.5m
Trading profit before taxation	1.5m	1.0m
Fully diluted earnings per share	6.05p	4.31p
Final dividend	3.15p	3.15p

- * Pretax profits rose to £1.5m, up 47% on the previous year - over 10 times the profits in 1979.
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Profit before Tax £000	141	502	635	1,007	1,483
Net earnings per share	1.39p	3.02p	3.47p	4.73p	6.05p
Net Dividend per share	0.59p	1.43p	2.10p	2.76p	3.15p

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9% Convertible Subordinated Bonds 1998 NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS

The Board of Directors of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA have decided to submit to an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders to be held on September 1, 1983 proposals to (i) amend paragraph 5 of the Articles of Association of the company by an alteration of the nominal value of the shares of the company from Swedish Kronor 50 to Swedish Kronor 25 (sub-division) and (ii) to increase the share capital of the company through a bonus issue by converting to share capital proceeds from statutory reserves; whereby each holder of either A or B shares in the company - after the aforementioned sub-division - shall be entitled to receive one bonus share of a nominal value of Swedish Kronor 25 for each share of a nominal value of Swedish Kronor 25 previously held, such bonus share to be of the same class as the share previously held.

As a consequence of the proposed Bonus Issue a Closed Period in accordance with Condition 3 (b) (4) (B) of the Bonds will commence at 10.00 a.m. (Stockholm time) on August 22, 1983, and continue until the close of business on September 1st, 1983. Should the proposed Bonus Issue be approved by the Meeting, the Conversion Price of the Bonds will be subject to adjustment, in accordance with Condition 3 (a) (2) of the Bonds such adjustment will then take effect as from and including September 1, 1983.

Should the proposed sub-division of the nominal value of the shares be approved by the Meeting, the Record Date for the sub-division will be September 30, 1983 and the consequent adjustment to the Conversion Price in accordance with Condition 3 (a) (1) of the Bonds will become effective at the commencement of business (Stockholm time) on October 4, 1983.

Should the Meeting accept these proposals, the Conversion Price applicable to Bonds issued on and including September 1, 1983, after adjustment for the Bonus Issue will be published on September 12, 1983 at the latest, and the Conversion Price applicable as from and including October 3, 1983, after the sub-division of the nominal value of the shares, will be published on October 13, 1983 at the latest. Sundsvall, August 1983. The Board of Directors.

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International trade

Exports drive planned as Seoul celebrates UK ties

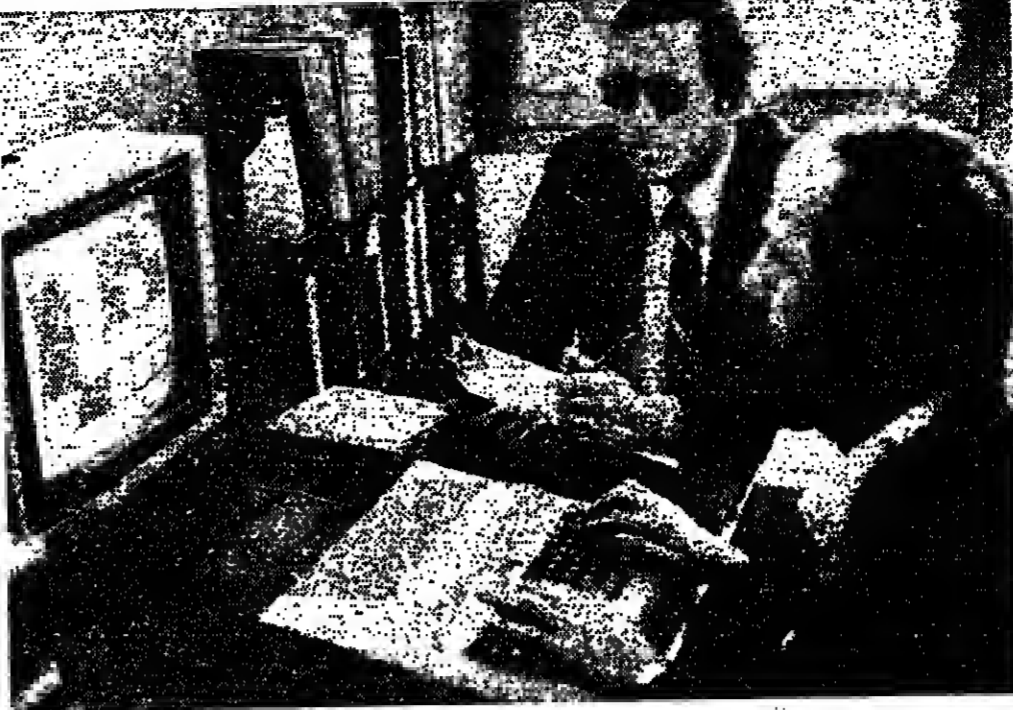
The Duke of Kent has been invited as guest of honour to celebrations in Seoul to mark 100 years of diplomatic relations between Britain and Korea.

The Duke, who is vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, has decided it might be an opportune moment to enlarge his party - to include senior executives from 10 of Britain's best exporting companies.

increase their exports are going to improve substantially - but the hurdles facing the Duke of Kent's party remain as large as they were when British exporters made their first (and, as it turned out, substantially frustrated) entry into the market.

Playing your way to better health

It is a familiar scene... a figure sits in front of a TV screen as rows of advancing aliens zap the defender, a gentle movement of the joystick empties the screen of the intergalactic horrors and a wry smile passes over the player's face.



Dr Robert Olton, a leading American psychologist, now on the staff of Atari as manager of behavioural research, tells of many other examples of the use of games as therapy.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Call in the mouse

Users of the IBM PC can now use a mouse to enter commands into their computer. Mouse technology is a method of communicating with a micro and does away with the need to tap messages in through the key board, writes Ian White.

Before using the mouse, however, you have to load instructions into the computer through a special program that is supplied with the mouse. This tells the computer to expect instructions from the device rather than the keyboard.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Hartogon Energy Half-year to 30-6-83 Operating profit AS\$8.8m (£2.25m) AS2.25m. Turnover AS7.39m (£4.3m) AS4.07m.

Two new directors for NatWest

National Westminster Bank: Mr Phillip Girdle and Mr Ron Bennie have been appointed directors. Mr Girdle is general manager of NatWest's domestic banking division, while Mr Bennie is general manager of international banking division.

Stone Vickers: Mr Mike Conway has been made managing director. He succeeds Mr Jim Wilson, who has joined British Shipbuilders. Mr Conway also becomes a director of Vickers Marine Engineering Division. Mr Peter Bazley is appointed co-director.

Selected Market Trust Half-year to 26.5.83 Revenue £100,000 (£135,000)

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Philip Girdle and Mr Ron Bennie have been appointed directors of NatWest's domestic banking division, while Mr Bennie is general manager of international banking division.

Lotus votes for refinancing

Refinancing plans for Group Lotus were formally voted through at the group's annual meeting yesterday without any row between the new director, Mr David Wickins, and the existing board.

WALL STREET

Table with columns for stock symbols, prices, and changes. Includes entries for AMP Inc, Allied Chem, Alpha Chem, etc.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank, etc.

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LOOKING FOR A WINNER?

Advertisement for 'FIRST TIME BET!' featuring a cartoon character sitting at a desk with a computer. Text includes 'COMPUTER LAD WINS JOB STAKES' and 'HAND WINS'.

Albright & Wilson Ltd 1983 HALF YEAR RESULTS

Table showing financial results for Albright & Wilson Ltd for the first six months of 1982 and 1983. Columns include Sales, Trading Profit, Profit Before Taxation, etc.

NOTES: 1 Taxation comprised: Overseas £2,431,000 (1982: £2,192,000) UK £169,000 (1982: £26,000)

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JOB SCENE

A matter of perks

by Richard Sharpe

Money is not the only thing to motivate employees in the UK computer industry. The challenge of working on new projects is important, and so are the perks that go with the job.

Some of the perks including getting goods at discount, have another side to them. One is paid overtime. Another is the payment of a pension scheme.

Computer staff at user sites and in the computer industry in general get slightly more leave than their counterparts in the same grades in the rest of UK industry.

One thing that should not be left out, however, is the use of a microcomputer at home. Many employers encourage their staff, particularly the program development staff, to take micros home so that they can continue with program writing.

UK EVENTS

8th ZX Microfair, Alexandra Palace, London, August 20, Acorn User Exhibition, Cunard International Hotel, London, August 25-28, Strathclyde Home Computer Fair, Strathclyde Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, August 26-27.

OVERSEAS

Personal Computer & Office Automation Systems Exhibition, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 5-8, Australian Computer Exhibition, Melbourne, Australia, September 13-16.

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RECENT ISSUES table with columns for company name, issue type, and price.

BRITISH FUNDS table listing various investment funds and their performance.

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN table listing international stocks and their prices.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES table listing shares of local government bodies.

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS table listing shares of financial institutions.

BREWERS AND DISTILLERS table listing shares of beverage companies.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL table listing shares of various industrial companies.

MARKET REPORT

Sterling sells BET stake

Main article text discussing the sale of a stake in British Electric Traction (BET) by Sterling Guarantee Trust.

Large table of stock prices and market data, including columns for company names, prices, and changes.

Table of Sterling Spot and Forward rates, including market rates and forward rates for various currencies.

Table of Money Market Rates and Other Markets, including clearing bank rates and prices for various commodities.

Table of Dollar Spot Rates, Euro-£ Deposits, and Gold prices, including exchange rates and gold prices.

THE TIMES 1000 1982/83 advertisement for the World's Top Companies.

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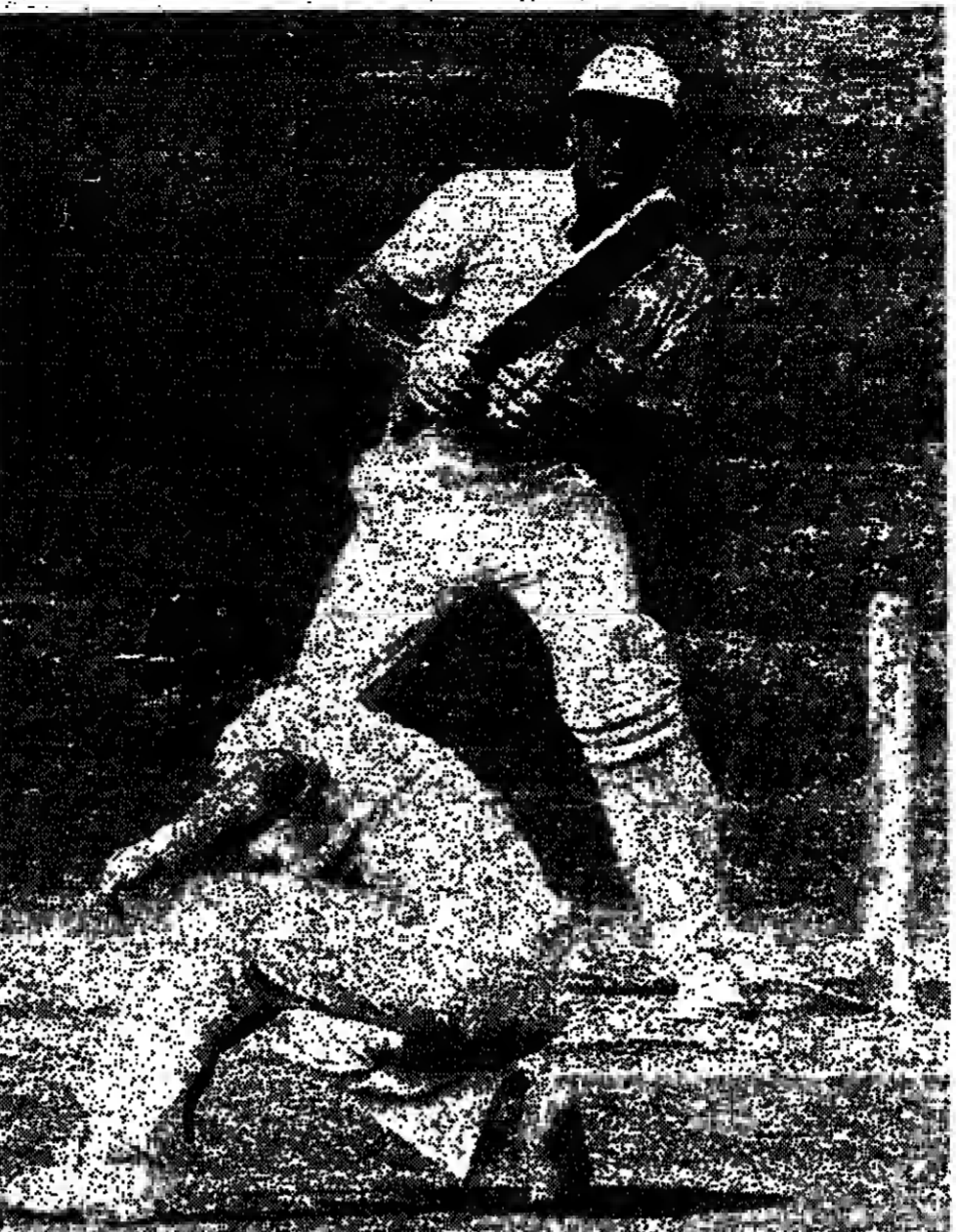
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By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

England's last Test match... Gower the matchmaker, Coney the pacemaker and Fairbrother the pitchmaker supreme... England dormy one in spite of Coney's 68

Howarth batted with two stitches in a cut on his right cheek... Coney continued to hook anything under-pitched with much aplomb to the Taverna boundary until, to the general delight, Foster trapped him at it

Who are the four best bowlers and the four best wicket keepers in the world?... What was so encouraging about the figures for the match just finished was that they came at a time when, so soon after the World Cup, interest could be falling away



Smith ducks as Coney hits a six off Cowans

Emburey lines up a victory in sights of the big guns

By Peter Marson

OLD TRAFFORD: Middlesex, with all second innings wickets in hand, need 234 runs to beat Lancashire... Emburey lines up a victory in sights of the big guns

Table with 3 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like G Lloyd, J Siddle, and their statistics.

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Today's Fixtures

Table with 2 columns: Match, Time. Lists various cricket fixtures across different counties for the day.

RACING: FIRST DAY OF YORK EBOR MEETING

Shareef Dancer can steal show from a star-studded cast

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
The form of the Irish Derby dictates that Shareef Dancer will be extremely difficult to beat in the Bessoo and Hedge Gold Cup at York today and he is my selection...

Hot Touch, the conqueror of GUNS OF Navarone in the Meece-Dante Stakes over today's course and distance in May, will be trying to emulate his sire, Moulton...



Willie Carson and Sun Princess after their Oaks triumph

bearing in mind the fact that five horses trained in England were lured to Deauville yesterday for the Prix de la Côte Normande, which is run over approximately the same distance but more important, infinitely more valuable...

French colt too fast for Morcon

From Desmond Stovehaz, Deauville
Morcon, a firm-groined specialist who started at 15-2, produced excellent bursts of speed soon after entering the straight to defeat the English challenger, Morcon...

Victory scores and Australia's keel finds a new friend

By Barry Pickthall
After strong winds forced the cancellation of all racing off Newport, Rhode Island, last weekend, Victory '83, the British America's Cup challenger, scored an easy win over Canada 1 in the second race of the semi-final challenge round on Monday...

WBA bid to woo Jones

After two challenges for the World Boxing Council's welterweight championship, Colin Jones may now look for the rival World Boxing Association's version of the title...

President on form

By Gordon Allan
George Turley and Mal Hughes, of Eton Golf Club, Harpenden, who are any day the favourites to win the pair's title, made well-ordered progress into the third round in the English Bowling Association championships...

Dope tests 'positive'

Oulu (AFP) - An Oulu newspaper reported yesterday that several dope tests "failed" during the world championship in Helsinki last week...

York

Racing results for York including Double, Knaveshire Handicap, Benson & Hedges Gold Cup, and various other races with odds and winners.

Windsor results

Racing results for Windsor including Newholme Stakes, Stratfordville Stakes, and various other races.

Hannon Ebor hopes high

Richard Hannon has high hopes of landing the Tote Ebor tomorrow for the second time. He emphasised his enthusiasm after Emad had landed a gamble from 1-1 to 2-1 at Windsor yesterday...

Folkestone

Racing results for Folkestone including Warren Stakes, Leas Stakes, and various other races.

FOR THE RECORD

Summary of sports records including Golf, Shooting, and Football.

York selections

- 2.0 Star Spry, 2.35 Adoniah, 3.10 Shareef Dancer, 3.40 Sun Princess, 4.15 York Trophy, 4.45 Redtime, 5.15 Fairlawe.

Windsor selections

- 1.00 Star Spry, 2.35 Adoniah, 3.10 Shareef Dancer, 3.40 Acclimatise, 4.15 Adoniah, 4.15 Purty Bridge, 5.15 African Tudor.

Folkestone selections

- 1.45 Real Silver, 2.15 Al Ahmas, 2.45 Easterny Gaol, 3.15 Onessills, 3.45 Scottish Agent, 4.15 Leonidas.

To blow or not to blow?

Alan Robinson, the referee for the Charity Shield match at Wembley on Saturday, appears to be faced with the option of either deferring the Football Association or his union, the Association of Football Referees and Linemen, over the question of the so-called professionalism clause...

FOOTBALL

Robinson: common sense
Robinson has hopes that the clause of opt-out will be resolved before the match, said. The problem arises from the insistence of FIFA, the international football federation, that the FA must wind-up their heavy machinery of the professional football club...

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Athlete's loot - a contagion that is galloping in from Finland

Ringmasters crack their whips as the circus stars roll up

From David Miller, Helsinki

Some of the men with the most stamina in the first world championships have not been out on the track. After eight days of ceaseless activity they were moving as strongly and stealthily as ever on Sunday evening, at the official 2,000-strong banquet...

present Tatyana Kazantseva, we must go back to Juntunen in 1974, or to Ray in the 1974 Commonwealth 1,500 metres, a glorious world record with Walker vainly chasing his shadow.

They were all there, from Los Angeles, Tokyo, New York and Zurich, sharp-eyed, smooth-tongued, and their pockets bulging, while the ogre athletes swayed to the boss coveys of the promoters...

As remarked by Stan Greenberg, that fount of wisdom and the brains behind the BBC television team, it is a myth fostered in Britain that "tactical" means running from the back; it can far more dramatically mean draining the soul of those behind from out in front.

It was like the Newmarket sales. I bumped into Arne Hankvik, the ringmaster from Oslo who has stage-managed many world records down the years.

To those I have already mentioned must be added, of course, the two marathons in which we had marvellous winners by the redoubtable favourites, Robert de Castella and Grete Waitz, from a cast of courageous challengers including such men as Balacha (Ethiopia), Masong (Tanzania), Stahl (Sweden) and Jones (Britain), and Gareau (Canada), Dickerson (US), Joyce (Republic of Ireland) and Smith (Britain) among the women.

Is it the cat and mouse, pedestrian races we have predominantly seen here - in which the stars are competing not to achieve athletic excellence but for the prestige and status of medal positions which will subsequently enhance their market value on the international circus where record-breaking attempts are bartered, appearances bought and sold - or is it those staged, carefully choreographed races which result. The truthful answer must be neither.

Yet even these two events were clouded by the absence of Lopez of Portugal, second to Salazar, of the United States, the fastest marathon runner in history, de Castella in Rotterdam, and Joan Benoit, of the US the fastest over this distance.

There were, in my opinion, only three leading contenders in the 800 metres not run wholly in lanes - 800 metres and upwards - run as we might have expected them to run 30 years ago, bravely up front, putting all their credentials publicly on the line and defying the rest to do their damndest: Peter Elliott, Jarmila Kratochvilova and Mary Decker. It is for that reason that the men's 800 metres final, especially, and the women's 1,500 and 3,000 metres both brilliantly won by Decker, were the most memorable longer races of the championships.

The administrators of the IAAF want to keep the wagon rolling with the top competitors on board. Because open professionalism means the end of prestige and travel around the world for dozens of committee men and their wives. One of the worst moments of the championship was when a senior British official with international responsibility stood talking to an athlete and failed to recognize standing with them the 3,000



Elliott: credentials on the line

metres steeplechase bronze medal winner of a few hours before, Colin Reitz. On Sunday night Primo Nebiolo, Italian president of the IAAF, strolled round the vast Dipoli reception party, his entourage of countries following at a discreet distance, like some patriarchal nineteenth century squire coming to see that the workers were enjoying themselves at Christmas time.

He could afford to smile. The wagon is said to have grossed over £4m, which will rise to a staggering £10m in Rome in 1987. With a so-called amateur body making such astronomical profits, the moral obligation upon them to initiate immediately world-wide random drug-testing, highly expensive, is more mandatory than ever.

The contention of Sebastian Coe, that prize-money is preferable to appearance money if either is to be allowed because it guarantees a commitment by the competitors, is sadly not foolproof, because competitors can still split the prize money equally in "arranged" races, just as they do in exhibition tennis, which is a shabby con trick regularly perpetrated upon the public. The love of money is assuredly the root of evil in sport.

Gold turns to bronze

East Berlin (AP) - The Western media called East Germany the most successful team in Helsinki, but East Berlin newspapers yesterday listed them in third place behind the United States and the Soviet Union.

Sources in the West put the East Germans first in unofficial tables with 10 gold medals, compared to eight for the Americans and six for the Russians. The East German newspaper Neues Deutschland came to a different conclusion, using a system that allows seven points for a gold medal, five for silver, four for bronze, three for fourth place, two for fifth and one for sixth.

Under this system, the United States came out on top with 154 points, the Soviet Union were second with 152 and East Germany third with 150.

The carousel spins on to the Palace

By Pat Batchelor

Nobody is stopping to get off after the world championships, which finished in Helsinki on Sunday. Those interminable luggage carousels at Heathrow were busy with five individual medals and the collection from two relays when the British team arrived back yesterday.

wanted to run in the 800 metres, for Peter Elliott's claim to the place is especially high after one of the most courageous British performances in Helsinki. He finished fourth, and the only person with a clear chance of beating him at Crystal Palace is the Helsinki winner, Willy Wulbeck, of West Germany.

Steve Cran's victory in the 1,500 metres has made him the new king of the circuit. He will be courted by the promoters of the remaining independent 1,500 metres by the European Cup, instead of Overt for Coe, if there is any chance of a return so soon, will call the shots and perhaps even decide who will not run against him.

But Elliott has never beaten Overt, and the memory of the latter's impressive heat in the AAA championships, where he looked capable of winning 44sec and less, could be persuasive. Overt freely admitted what everyone could see in Helsinki: "It was the worst race of my life," he said after finishing fourth in the 1,500 metres. But that defeat does not necessarily signify the end for Overt.

Tessa Sanderson, who finished fourth in Helsinki. Beverly Kinch is going to be a very good long jumper indeed, and she has arrived in good time. Long jump records have a habit of enduring. Jesse Owens's lasted 26 years, and only the superb Canadian close-up to Bob Beaman's 8.90 metres set at altitude in 1968, which many said would last for the rest of this century.

Miss Kinch, who is only 19 years old, broke Mary's British record, which has stood since 1964, in her first jump of Sunday's competition in Helsinki. Miss Kinch reached 6.90 metres, and also leapt 6.93 metres when the wind was just over the limit.

Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, pronounced himself well satisfied with the medal tally of seven. Of the 25 countries who contested 17 events, Britain was second day of the United States, of the countries ahead of Britain - East Germany, Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and West Germany were the others - will not be competing at Crystal Palace next weekend.

Even Mrs Lloyd admitted that Miss Navratilova was pulling away from her. "This was our third meeting this year and I haven't won a set yet," she said. "So I guess you could say the gap is widening." Miss Navratilova forced Mrs Lloyd into errors in the first set, broke her service three times and quickly opened up a 5-0 lead. The match was so one-sided at this point that when Mrs Lloyd finally held service the crowd responded with prolonged applause.

RUGBY UNION All Blacks' tour is postponed

Wellington (Reuters) - New Zealand's tour of Argentina, which was scheduled for October and November, has been postponed indefinitely, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, Cos Blazey, said last night. "It is hoped that the present difficulties will be soon resolved so that another date can be arranged for the postponed tour to take place," he said.

EQUESTRIANISM New days dawn at Burghley

By Jenny MacArthur For the first time since the event began 27 years ago at Burghley House, the trials sponsored by Kenny Martin will be run over five days. They take place on September 7 to 11 at Burghley House near Stamford.

TENNIS More of the same for Mrs Lloyd

Mannhattan Beach, California (Reuters) - Martina Navratilova beat Chris Lloyd 6-1, 6-3 in 58 minutes to win the Los Angeles women's championship. The tournament, which was regarded as a preview of the United States Open to be played later this month and the result established Mrs Navratilova as the favourite to win the title which has always eluded her.

YACHTING Facing up to the wind again

By John Nicholls Ian Pinnell and Jeremy Hardy, from Lynmouth, won an unexpectedly windy race, sponsored by Howe and How, on the 12 Class championship at Llandudno yesterday. After a fortnight of gentle, north-easterly breezes, it seemed strange to be faced once again with a southerly gale.

Not amateurs, Argentina says

Caracas (Reuters) - Argentina is to protest to organizers of the ninth Pan American Games, which opened here on Sunday, that three members of the United States tennis team are professionals, according to Hector Piatelli, the Argentine tennis team manager.

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New Delhi (AFP) - India have applied to stage the 1992 Olympic Games, the sports minister, Buz Singh, told Parliament here today. The offer was made in a letter to the International Olympic Committee he said in reply to a question, but gave no further details. India hosted the 1982 Asian Games last December.

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